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Dozens of care home places to face axe

FIFTY care home places could be scrapped in Wolverhampton – and vulnerable residents may be forced to pay extra for an emergency at-home service.

And at the same time 150 elderly people might no longer receive care at home.

Bosses would save £1.1 million under the three cost-cutting proposals, which were today labelled as 'despicable'.

People previously exempt from paying for Carelink, which provides an alarm service at home, may now have to pay, while the weekly charge could go up from £3.28 to £3.35.

Streamline

The council's finance chief Andrew Johnson defended the move. He stressed the proposals were being consulted on and said having 50 more people living at home instead of in a care home was a 'win-win' situation.

With the local authority having to save £123m before 2019, bosses are looking to streamline services across the board.

But the chair of the Wolverhampton Pensioners' Convention said making cuts to services which affect elderly and vulnerable people was 'very risky'. Pat O'Dowd said of the proposals: "I think it's despicable.

Specials time on tap at pub

THE former lead guitarist of ska legends The Specials will be performing at a Wolverhampton pub.

John Shipley will play at the Tap & Spile in Princess Street in the city centre as part of an all day event on Sunday to raise money so the pub can host more live music acts in the future.

Mr Shipley will be one of six acts that will perform from 2pm until midnight with music ranging from Brit Pop, reggae and ska.

The event is free.

Tributes to little Margot who touched all our hearts

Inspirational Margot Martini

HEARTFELT and emotional tributes have been paid to little Margot Martini, who lost her brave fight with leukaemia earlier this week.

The inspirational two-year-old and her family's campaign to raise awareness of her illness touched the hearts of anyone who saw, met or read about her.

Her parents said she died peacefully at home on Monday, surrounded by those who loved her.

More than 1,600 tribute messages have been left on the Team Margot Facebook page, which has almost 20,000 members.

One member, Sophie Hart, said she had the pleasure of meeting Margot while working as a student nurse.

She said: "She will always be a patient I remember for the rest of my career. I loved playing tea parties, and her company at the nurse's desk at 4am - even at a young age her personality was one of a kind.

"The work you have done as a family is inspirational. May beautiful Margot rest in peace and her legacy live on."

Her parents Yaser and Vicki, from Essington, broke the tragic news in a post online on Monday morning.

Their daughter was diagnosed with both acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) and acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) last October.

Another tribute was paid by Alison Smith, who said: "I didn't realise it was possible to love someone you have never met quite this much, or to feel such pain at their passing on, until Margot.

"Margot's strength and beauty of spirit were palpable, even from afar, and they will continue to inspire so many.

"What an inspiration. I have no doubt that Margot lives on in heaven continuing to give joy and be greatly loved."

Joanna Clough added: "Beautiful Margot will not be forgotten."

MORE TRAFFIC CHAOS AHEAD

EVEN more roadworks are to take place in Wolverhampton city centre, with a 25-day scheme to replace traffic lights starting this week.

The £50,000 project will see all traffic lights on the island at Bilston Road replaced, one set at a time over the coming month. The city council's leader has apologised to drivers who have faced long tailbacks and diversions in a series of roadworks that have all taken place at the same time.

By Jordan Harris

An inquiry is also going to be set up by Wolverhampton City Council to find out what lessons can be learned after multiple roadworks caused delays.

This week the lights on the route into the city, from Middle Cross and Willenhall Road , were due to be switched off and replaced by give-way signs.

Danger

Workmen will go clockwise around the island replacing each set of lights in phases that will take four days each. It will be done between 9.30am and 3.30pm to minimise disruption and no extra lane closures are planned.

Drivers are also facing long delays at the busy Rock junction of Henwood Road and Tettenhall Road, where temporary traffic lights are being used because of the closure of Bridgnorth Road in Compton.

Councillor Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton City Council, said: "I want to apologise very sincerely to everyone who was inconvenienced by roadworks.

The issue in Compton is an emergency and work is to repair drains and a surface in danger of collapse. Half term was the best time to do this." He said a 'scrutiny' group of councillors would be asked to look at the timing of roadworks and see if lessons could be learned.

This week commuters experienced tailbacks as far as Chapel Ash to the west of Wolverhampton and Priestfield in Bilston as work replacing tramlines at the Bilston Road junction over-ran their schedule.

Drivers were faced with miles of queuing traffic on Tettenhall Road and Compton Road at the weekend, while businesses in the area suffered huge drops in footfall.

Many drivers heading out of the city centre reported delays of up to an hour as part of Bridgnorth Road in Compton was shut down for emergency repair works. The roadworks have sparked outrage among motorists, residents and business owners, many frustrated at the constant barrage of blocked roads in and around the city.

One driver, Michael Lockley, said it had taken him 50 minutes to complete a trip that usually takes 10 minutes along Compton Road.

Drivers have reported long delays from work on the Bridgnorth Road, Compton

Accused surgeon resigns from post

A SURGEON accused of fiddling surgery results has resigned from New Cross Hospital.

Ian Wilson had been working at the hospital on a temporary locum basis, after previously being there for free under intense supervision.

Mr Wilson was sacked from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham and has also been criticised by a coroner in Birmingham investigating 15 deaths.

Results

The coroner for Birmingham and Solihull, Louise Hunt, found that surgery undertaken by Mr Wilson had been 'more extensive than necessary' in three deaths.

A spokesman for the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust said: "The trust and Mr Wilson are aware of the intense interest surrounding him and for personal reasons Mr Wilson resigned his post on October 23 with immediate effect."

It was alleged that Mr Wilson may have been fiddling surgery results for up to 10 years, leading to his sacking by University Hospitals Birmingham Trust (UHB).

He faced being struck off but survived a General Medical Council investigation.

Air views on play sites axe

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to have their say over council proposals to close two adventure playgrounds.

Under the plans put forward by Wolverhampton City Council, the adventure playground in Gatis Street, Whitmore Reans, and the one based on Chesterton Road, The Scotlands, will be closed.

Consultations are 4pm at Gatis Street playground on November 7 and at The Scotlands site on the 11th.

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Stranded fans get lift on team bus

THREE lifelong Wolves fans had the trip of a lifetime after travelling home on the team coach from Leeds – and even got dropped off at their local.

Wolverhampton grandfather Dave Ireson asked Molineux head coach Kenny Jackett for a lift after he and friends, Adrian Doughty and Mick Cartwright – both from Wednesfield – got separated from their own coach near the Elland Road ground.

Mr Ireson was even pictured sitting on the coach in front of young centre-half Ethan Ebanks-Landell.

The fans were given coffee by goalkeeping coach Pat Mountain and protein bars to munch on by fitness coach Tony Daley as they sat together with technical staff.

Mr Doughty, a 41-year-old father-of-two who works as a delivery driver, said: "Dave went over and told Kenny we'd missed our coach and asked if there was any chance of a lift and he said 'jump on'.

Happy

"They fed and watered us and even dropped us off at our local, The Pear Tree in Cannock Road."

Mr Cartwright, 46, who has four children and works as a tree surgeon, said: "It was the best story of my life . I've been telling everyone at work all day about it."

Jackett said he was happy to help the fans out on a one-off basis.

"I've done it once or twice before – it's hard to say no if someone is struggling. But we have to be very careful of because of the numbers allowed on the coach."

Hospital's takeover is finally completed

THE trust which runs New Cross Hospital is now officially taking over Cannock Hospital after the move was approved in Parliament.

An order confirming the transfer - and allowing for the dissolution of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust - went before Parliament last week for final approval after the health secretary Jeremy Hunt previously agreed the move.

Some staff at Cannock, where all of New Cross' non-emergency surgery is being moved to, will have their contracts changed to the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

Tens of millions of pounds is being spent on transferring services and upgrading Cannock Hospital, with shuttle buses set to transfer patients between there and New Cross.

Cases

More than 20,000 outpatient cases and 10,000 inpatient cases will move from New Cross to Cannock.

Chief executive of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, David Loughton, is overseeing the plans. The radical proposals were first unveiled last June and the £30m Cannock project was given a £10m cash boost by the Government earlier this year.

Mr Loughton oversaw a similar project with hospitals in Coventry and Rugby at his previous post.

The surgeries to be undertaken at Cannock include gall bladder surgery, hernia repair and hip, knee and ankle surgery.

The motion also officially paved the way for services at Stafford Hospital, which from November 1 will be called County Hospital, to be taken on by University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. A board meeting New Cross bosses was due to be held at Cannock Hospital.

Petition on 'danger ' junction

MORE than 400 people have signed a petition for traffic measures to be brought in at a 'nightmare' junction near Wolverhampton.

Residents in Featherstone have said they are 'risking their lives' accessing the A460 Cannock Road from the village's main street, The Avenue, because of the volume of traffic leaving the M54 northbound at Junction One to connect with the northbound of the M6 at Junction 11.

Featherstone Councillor Frank Beardsmore said hundreds have now signed a petition calling on Staffordshire County Council to make the junction safer.

He said: "We have had petitions in all of the shops in Featherstone and on the last count there were more than 400 signatures from residents.

"There is a comment section and the same comment keeps coming up and that people putting their life at risk and that it's a nightmare to get out of.

"The speed limit was dropped from 40 mph to 30mph last year and we thought that would work but it needs something else possibly traffic lights or maybe a roundabout."

City sticker use comes unstuck

Criticism over stickers to cover up the word town on Wolverhampton signs

ROAD signs directing traffic towards Wolverhampton TOWN centre have finally been updated 14 years after it became a city – with a set of cut-out stickers.

The stickers have been placed over signs around the Parkfields and Ettingshall areas. The word 'city' has been stuck over the word 'town' and the results have been branded less than impressive. One effort on Spring Road sees 'city' appear at least an inch above the word 'centre'.

Critics had slammed the authority for dragging its feet over changing the information. Liberal democrat campaigner Tom Stokes contacted Wolverhampton City Council earlier this year to alert them that the signs had not been changed.

He said: "I suppose some people would say that replacing the word 'town' using stickers is a cheaper method during these current economic times. However they look rather disappointing." Councillor Peter Bilson said the issue was resolved as far as the authority was concerned.

15-minute bus for the i54 workers

WORKERS at the i54 business park are to get an express bus service to cut journey times by 15 minutes.

The new service from Wolverhampton bus station to the park was due to launch this week – just days before the Queen officially opens the £500 million Jaguar Land Rover engine plant.

The service will run along Stafford Road where £1.4 million worth of work has been done to the Vine Island roundabout and Wobaston Road.

It means the bus will take 15 minutes to reach the i54 and 17 minutes to the Pendeford Business Park, where Lloyds Banking Group has offices, compared to up to 35 minutes at present.

Co-ordinate

It will use a fleet of new National Express West Midlands buses with free wi-fi and low emission engines.

It will operate between 5.35am and 11.25pm Monday to Saturday. It will run every 15 minutes during peak times and every 30 minutes throughout the rest of the day and evening.

Its timetable has been designed to co-ordinate with i54 South Staffordshire shift patterns.

Police issues in spotlight

A WIDESPREAD survey has been launched to discover what the public want from West Midlands Police.

Community-led Police and Crime Boards are consulting on next year's policing plans.

The survey gives people an opportunity to highlight the issues that are most important to them. These views will then be taken into consideration when decisions are taken on the way services are operated by the police, local councils and other organisations.

It can be accessed through www.snapsurveys.com

New youth club

A recently-opened city community hub has launched a weekly youth club.

The Ashmore Park Hub on Griffiths Drive will run the sessions for eight to 16-year-olds from 7-8pm every Tuesday.

Visit the-hub.info or call 01902 552490.

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Lloyds axe may fall on Black Country

THERE are fears that LLoyds bank branches across the West Midlands will be shut down after the group announced a wide-ranging closure programme.

The state-backed bank is to shut 200 branches over the next three years while slashing 9,000 jobs under a new strategy it claims will improve efficiency and customer service.

Bosses are yet to reveal which sites will be targeted for closure but many branches that will face the axe will fall in urban areas where there may be a number of branches in a small geographical area. It will target closures in town centres where it currently has more than one branch.

In the city of Wolverhampton and neighbouring villages there are eight Lloyds branches – Queen Square and Stafford Road, Wolverhampton; High Street, Tettenhall; Church Street, Wednesfield; Church Street, Bilston; Maypole Street, Wombourne; Station Road, Codsall and The Square, Brewood.

Dudley borough has six, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Lye, Netherton, Sedgley and Stourbridge and three each in Walsall and Sandwell.

New beer to help Heroes

A NEW bottled beer has gone on sale in 250 Tesco stores in the Midlands to help raise funds for the Help for Heroes charity.

The 4.2 per cent strength Help for Heroes ale has been brewed and bottled at Wolverhampton-based Marston's brewery in Burton upon Trent.

Three wounded veterans from the charity – Pete Dunning, Dan Whittingham and Simon Brown – helped to create the brew in July.The label features the slogan: "Created by Heroes; Brewed by Marston's; Enjoyed by Everyone."

Pipe burst

A WATER pipe burst in Perton led to emergency roadworks.

The pipe burst at the junction of Richmond Drive and The Parkway, opposite Buttermere Court overnight on Saturday.

Severn Trent Water were called to the site.

Anger as 'safe' tree crashes down on car

ANGRY residents have hit out at a housing association after a car and garden were wrecked by a falling tree – less than a week after they were assured it was safe.

Stephanie Simpson of Orchard Lane, Codsall, said she had been sweeping up leaves below the tree in her back garden just 20 minutes before it came crashing down during gales last week.

She said she had been assured by a housing official that it was safe for her son Toby, aged eight, and Ajay, four, to play in the back garden, despite being told a fortnight earlier that the tree was in a dangerous condition. The tree crushed a Volkswagen Golf car belonging to her brother-in-law, and caused extensive damage to a neighbour's landscaped garden during the drama at around 3.30pm last Tuesday.

Miss Simpson, who is 24, said she was advised by a housing association worker that the garden was unsafe for her children when she moved into the terraced property in February this year.

She said earlier this month an independent tree surgeon visited the property and told her the tree needed cutting down.

However, when an expert from South Staffordshire Housing visited he assured her it was safe.

"He said it just needed reducing in height, and a brace putting in," said Miss Simpson, who is a full-time mother.

"I told him that I had been told not to let the children play in the garden, he said he could not understand why anyone would have said that. He told me this tree was absolutely safe."

Neighbour Daniel Ball said the tree had destroyed a landscaped garden he had spent around five years creating.

"It must have done around £4,000 worth of damage," he said. "It's wrecked my shed as well."

Mr Ball, a 44-year-old construction worker, said he had reported his concerns about the tree three years, ago, and another neighbour had complained two years before that.

South Staffordshire Housing Association spokesman Richard Evans said: "The gales caused problems across the country.

"We appreciate that a large tree falling and causing damage must have been very upsetting and we are doing everything we can to help."

Warnings over strangers lurking near city schools

SCHOOLCHILDREN have been approached by men at five different spots close to schools in Wolverhampton. Police officers have stepped up patrols.

They cannot rule out the cases being linked and after the incidents parents have also been advised to drop their children off themselves to ensure their safe arrival or alternatively have them walk to school in large groups.

The incidents have occurred twice on Tettenhall Road, once on both Newbridge Crescent and Newhampton Road East and at the playing fields behind Peter's Collegiate School.

It comes after a nine-year-old girl was approached on her way to school by a man who asked her to get into his car in Perton. Police are speaking to a number of witnesses who are trying to identify the man – or men.

Suspects

Sergeant Kevin Whitehouse, from the Park Neighbourhood Police Team, said: "We have had a number of different descriptions from each incident and at the moment we can't rule out the possibility that the same man is involved.. We have put together an album of suspects for witnesses."

Patrols have been stepped up in the Tettenhall Road area.

In one case, a man, thought to have been drunk, walked up to an 11-year-old girl on the playing fields at the rear of St Peter's Collegiate School at around midday. After he beckoned her towards him, the girl ran away.

Other incidents of suspicious behaviour were reported in Tettenhall Road on September 29 and October 6, Newhampton Road East on September 26 and Newbridge Crescent on October 3.

Fast-track promise on homes

DEVELOPMENTS of up to 10 houses will be fast-tracked through the planning system under Labour proposals to build more homes.

The plan was announced by shadow housing minister and Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds as Labour highlighted figures showing the number of homes built for affordable ownership in 2013/14 was around half that of the final year of Gordon Brown's government.

Setting out the latest stage of Labour's plan to build 200,000 properties a year by 2020, Miss Reynolds said speeding up the process for small developments would help builders construct 'the homes the next generation needs'.

She said a Labour administration would also establish a cross-government task force to drive an increase in housing supply.

The opposition cited figures showing 11,330 affordable home ownership properties built in England in 2013/14, compared to 22,240 in 2009/10.

Golden start for sports institute

Denise Lewis with sport student Chelsea Mulheir and Wolves Under 18's keeper Harry Burgoyne

A SPORTING great was on hand to open new facilities at the University of Wolverhampton.

Fresh from receiving a honorary degree from the educational establishment last month Olympic gold medallist Denise Lewis returned to the Black Country to open a new Institute of Sport at the university's Walsall campus.

Bosses say the centre will provide some of the best facilities in the country and they hope it will inspire the next generation of sport professionals through teaching, research and increasing participation in sport.

Denise, who is from Wolverhampton and won gold at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, said she thought it would put the area on the map.

During her visit she also chatted to some of the university students who will be using the facilities.

The institute will bring together all the university's sporting activities, including degree courses, multi-million pound facilities, research, staff expertise and sports participation for students, staff and the community. It also aims to develop promising sports scholars.

The campus is also home to the £1 million British Judo Centre of Excellence, which Denise was also on hand to open in November last year.

Walsall Mayor, Councillor Pete Smith, said: "I would recommend people who want a career in sport to come and see the fantastic facilities."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Feedback call on 111 helpline

A REVIEW of the controversial NHS 111 helpline is to be held in the West Midlands.

NHS 111 wants patients to give their views on the service to help change the way it is delivered.

Volunteers are invited to join focus groups where they will be able to feedback their thoughts, ideas and opinions on the effectiveness and efficiency of the service.

Interested parties can email: engagement.westmidlands111@nhs.net or call 0121 612 3941 if they wish to participate.

Darts tickets are selling out fast

TWO more nights have sold out as this year's Grand Slam of Darts heads for record sales.

Tickets for the hugely popular annual event at the Wolverhampton Civic are selling fast with more than two thirds already snapped up.

Three sessions of the tournament, which runs from November 8-16, have sold out, the Friday night and both Saturday night sessions. Bosses expect this year's tournamentto be the best attended yet.

Tickets snapped up for Bodyguard

ALMOST half of tickets for The Bodyguard at the Grand Theatre – starring X Factor's Alexandra Burke – have already been snapped up.

Around 8,000 seats have gone for the show despite it not starting a two-week run until next April.

Burke has had three number one singles.Wolverhampton's Beverley Knight took on the role in the West End stage show.

Extra hours bid for youth centre

A YOUTH centre is seeking to extend its opening hours at night.

The Youth Resource Centre in Fifth Avenue, Low Hill, Wolverhampton, opens three nights a week, from 7-9pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The centre has applied to extend its hours to open 8am-10pm weekdays, and 8am-8pm weekends.

Raising notes

ASHMORE Park Choir is to hold a charity concert.

On November 22, it will give a concert at Portobello Methodist Church, New Street, Willenhall, in aid of church funds. It starts at 7.30pm. Admission is £5.

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DIP into the chopped walnuts to coat completely then stand on the baking sheet" (From a Sunday Times recipe). I fell off.

A STUDY in China suggests that babies born from frozen embryos are more sociable than those conceived naturally. Is it mere coincidence that Eskimos are famed for their hospitality?

TOLD you so. Five months ago I wrote that the figure of 888,246 ceramic poppies planted at the Tower of London, to be sold for service charities, was too small and that "everyone who wants a ceramic poppy should be able to buy one." The alternative, I suggested was " a limited edition creating an artificial shortage and being sold online for obscene profits." Sure enough, all 888,246 poppies – one for every British warrior killed in the First World War – have now been snapped up. Thousands of folk will be disappointed. Watch out for the profiteering to begin.

SCIENTISTS in San Diego did a sneaky thing. They questioned elderly folk about how much booze they consumed in a week – and then checked the answers against the empty bottles in their bins. You will not be surprised to learn that the number of empties was more than the old 'uns admitted to. It is high time another group of scientists examined the phenomenon noticed by so many of us. If you leave empty bottles in a bin for more than a few days, they start breeding.

RESEARCHERS in the US city of Boston claim a pint of beer a day may improve a man's fertility. But don't overdo it. As Shakespeare warned us, long before Boston was even founded, alcohol "provokes the desire but takes away the performance."

IF you wanted to make a new Dad's Army movie, no-one could hope for a better cast than Tom Courtney, Michael Gambon, Blake Harrison and the others now assembled on the set at Bridlington. The real question is why anyone would want to make a new Dad's Army movie when the original (1971) is perfect.

A REPORT on the BBC website tells us something about the connection between so-called bush meat and the Ebola virus. Experts believe there is a risk of the contagion being passed in the meat of bats, gorillas, chimpanzees and other African delicacies. So how does this affect us? To see the other half of the story, you have to dig out a BBC undercover report from 2012 which found "shocking" quantities of illegal and "potentially unsafe" meat being sold to the public in London. Or you could talk to experts like the wildlife charity Born Free which estimates that 7,500 tons of bush-meat products enters Britain every year, most of it in the suitcases of travellers from Africa. More than half of the illegal meat is distributed through wholesalers or sold at local street markets. So as you are reading this there's a good chance that someone, somewhere in Britain is sitting down to a meal of African ape or fruit bat - containing God knows what.

WHAT'S up, Doc? Christmas come early? The plan, announced yesterday, to pay GPs £55 for every case of dementia they diagnose is wide open to abuse. When some senior GPs warn that it may lead to patients being wrongly diagnosed, what they are actually saying is that they don't trust some of their colleagues. So can we at least insist on one tiny check? If some doctors are found to be diagnosing far more dementia than other practices, let's send in HM Revenue & Customs to have a good close look at their financial affairs. We'd be mad not to.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Interim boss may cost hundreds a day

A TEMPORARY director on hundreds of pounds a day is expected to be brought in to oversee a council's social services after the incumbent leaves.

Sarah Norman is moving from Wolverhampton City Council, where she is strategic director for community, to become the chief executive of Dudley Council.

The role is one of the most senior in the authority and includes overall responsibility for children, young people and families, youth offending, looked after children, children's centres, disability and mental health services, older people's care, libraries and public health.

When the council has previously used interim directors in other posts, including in education and enterprise and delivery, it has cost around £750 a day. The council is trying to save £123 million over five years and is axing 2,000 jobs.

Ms Norman will start in Dudley in the £165,000 a year role of chief executive in January.

She will be paid £8,000 a year more than John Polychronakis who is retiring after 40 years in local government.

Councillor Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton City Council, said: ""We will now have further discussions.

"There is already a re-structure of senior management following the departure of our own chief executive Simon Warren.

"We may need to get someone in on an interim basis, for the short term, while we advertise and recruit for someone to replace her.

It's a blockbuster of a billboard for Carvers 2

By Peter Madeley

THE Godfather: Part II, Aliens, Terminator 2: Judgement Day – the movie world is littered with exciting second acts.

Now one famous Wolverhampton firm is following in the footsteps of Hollywood by promoting the next instalment of its story with a blockbuster of a billboard.

Carvers has signalled its return from the devastating fire of 2012 with posters proclaiming: 'Carvers 2 the Return' and a line-up of workers who put top stars like Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Cameron Diaz to shame.

The Hollywood-style poster comes complete with a catchy tag line, five-star ratings and even a 'BG' classification for 'builders guidance.'

Brainchild

The poster has gone up on Cannock Road, signalling the full-strength return of the builders merchants. The billboard is the brainchild of the firm's marketing team which wanted to make a statement to mark the grand finale of the firm's £6 million rebuild.

Spread across the giant poster, the words 'They're back...and they're better than ever!' sit below a shot of Carvers staff dressed in work wear and armed with hammers, saws, trowels and spirit levels. In the background, the new warehouse and showroom can be seen rising out of the mist.

This advert is one of five set to go up across the city. The others will be in Deans Road, Bilston Road, Grove Street and another site on Cannock Road. The company's owner, Henry Carver, said he was delighted with the results of the campaign.

"We wanted to get the message across that we are back," he said."We have been through two-and-a-half tremendously difficult years. This is our way of announcing our return to having a major presence in the city."

New billboard poster on the Cannock Road heralds the return of Carvers

Whe fire ravaged the building back in 2012 – smoke could be seen for miles around

State-of-the-art – the new Carvers building which is now almost ready

Extra jail as drugs smuggler loses plea

A DRUG smuggler who was caught with more than £450,000 of cocaine at Gatwick Airport will spend an extra three weeks behind bars after senior judges rejected his 'hopeless' appeal.

Jimmy Lloyd Edwards, of Colley Avenue, Low Hill, was nabbed at the airport with two accomplices on his return from Antigua in April 2011.

When custom officers searched their luggage, they found 36 packages of cocaine stuffed inside the lining of their suitcases.

The 44 year old was jailed for 13 years at Croydon Crown Court in October 2011, after being found guilty of drug smuggling. He failed in a bid to have his sentence cut at London's Criminal Appeal Court.

Three of the country's most senior judges ruled his jail term was 'not excessive' - and that he deserved to be punished for wasting the court's time.

Challenging his sentence, his lawyers argued it was 'too high' compared to the seven-year term handed to one of his accomplices - who admitted the offence. But Mr Justice Spencer said the difference in the sentences was justified on the evidence and added: "This was a hopeless appeal."

Cannabis haul in police raid

CANNABIS plants with a street value of several thousand pounds were seized during a police raid on a house in Wolverhampton.

The haul of around 50 plants was discovered when workers from an electricity supplier visited the house in Birches Barn Lane to investigate high electricity usage.

They alerted the police, who found two cannabis farms growing in separate rooms in the property.

No-one was present in the house at the time of the swoop. The two set ups that were in different rooms were dismantled.

Bats close-up

A TALK at the Wombourne Community Centre will focus on the misunderstood world of bats.

Given by local wildlife expert Paul Wilkinson, the Staffs Wildlife Trust talk will be held tonight at 7:30pm. Admission is £2 for visitors.

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Bedroom tax now worst in Midlands

TENANTS in the Midlands are among the hardest hit by the so-called 'bedroom tax', research has revealed.

A survey of companies that manage council housing, including Wolverhampton Homes, found tenants in the Midlands and the North of England are more likely to be affected by the 'under-occupation penalty'.

The penalty removes 14 or 25 per cent of housing benefit from working age people in council housing if they have one or more spare rooms.

It found more than one in 10 tenants in the Midlands were affected while one in 20 were likely to be in arrears, compared with two per cent in London.

Wolverhampton Homes said 2,393 households are affected by the under occupation penalty and nearly 50 per cent of those are in rent arrears.

National Federation of Arms Length Management Organisations policy director Chloe Fletcher said: "The results suggest that although overall levels of rent arrears attributed to welfare reforms are falling nationally, there are considerable regional differences with the North of England being hit harder ."

Search for relatives

RELATIVES are being sought of a man who died with no known family so that a funeral can be arranged.

Wolverhampton City Council is keen to contact the family of John Henry Melbourne who died on September 17, aged 69.

At the time of his death Mr Melbourne had been living in Wolverhampton city centre, but he had originally come from the Lozells area of Birmingham.

Anyone with information should call 01902 555394 or email court.ofprotection@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Pooling ideas

A FREE conference-style event for budding community-minded designers is due to take place at the Old School, Dudley Road, Blakenhall on November 8 from 9.45am to 4pm.

For details visit makeshiftwolverhampton.wordpress.com/

Ultimatum over deal on Greater Brum

COUNCIL leaders in the Black Country have given Birmingham an ultimatum over plans for a combined authority: sign it by Christmas or a deal will be sought with South Staffordshire and Telford and Wrekin instead.

The councils want to team up on transport, marketing and regeneration to attract investment from big businesses and government.

There is concern about the idea of the name Greater Birmingham being used amid fears it will destroy the individual identity of the Black Country.

Councillor Darren Cooper, leader of Sandwell Council and chairman of the Black Country joint committee, said the four boroughs would go elsewhere unless Birmingham City Council could agree on a committee by Christmas. But he stressed that Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley would not lose their individual identities.

The Labour leader said: "This has gone on long enough. There are combined authorities in other parts of the country and we're being left behind.

"If this isn't done by Christmas then the Black Country will look elsewhere – South Staffordshire, Telford and Wrekin and other connurbations - to work together."

The urgency is there because of the impending General Election next May, with councillors keen to have a structure in place ready to start seeking funding as soon as the next Government is formed.

However, Councillor Brian Edwards, leader of South Staffordshire Council, is not keen on the idea of a combined authority. He said: "No-one's spoken to me about this yet. We already work closely with the Black Country. The i54 is an example of that. We'd always work with them to mutual benefit. But we're happy being part of Staffordshire."

And Councillor Kuldip Singh Sahota, leader of Telford and Wrekin Council, said: "I have not heard of this idea before.".Sarah Norman, the incoming chief executive of Dudley Council, has been tasked by Councillor Sparks with building relationships with other organisations as part of moves towards the combined authority.

And Councillor Lawrence added: "Darren Cooper threw down the gauntlet to set a timescale.".

Number of city teenagers hitting GCSE target drops

THE NUMBER of teenagers in Wolverhampton achieving the government's target for GCSE results has plummeted by more than 15 per cent this year.

Less than 46 per cent of youngsters in the city gained five or more good GCSE grades, including English and maths.

The shocking results mean Wolverhampton is now the eighth worst area in the country in terms of pupils achieving the benchmark standard, while the 15.1pc fall represents the biggest drop of any English authority.

Nationally, 52.6pc of students gained five A* to C grades, including the key subjects of English and maths, a 6.6pc fall from last year which School's Minister Nick Gibb says is proof that the exam system is more demanding.

Struggle

But the dramatic decline of results in Wolverhampton's secondary schools has led to calls for a thorough investigation into the authority's education system.

Councillor Wendy Thompson, leader of the Conservative group on the council, said: "These results are immensely disappointing. It is terrible for the children and damaging for the future of the city.

"The council needs to take immediate action to find out what is going wrong. If our children are not achieving, particularly in English and maths, they are going to struggle to get jobs."

Wolverhampton fared worst of the Black Country authorities - just 12 months after the city finished top of the pile in the region. In Dudley, the figure was 52.7pc, with Sandwell at 49.8pc and Walsall 48.3pc.

Fireworks to light up city skies

FIREWORKS will light up the sky this weekend as Bonfire Night celebrations boom, bang and sparkle across the region.

In Wolverhampton, the two main events will also feature a nod to Remembrance Day with a spectacular poppy display.

The city's celebrations kick off tomorrow at Bilston's Hickman Park, with round two on at West Park the following night with thousands expected at both.

Crowds will be reminded of the anniversary when a 'Tommy' takes to the stage in full infantry uniform while the Last Post is sounded.

Following a minute's silence, crowds will be wowed by a spectacular poppy firework display honouring all those who lost their lives in the Great War and other conflicts.

Councillor Elias Mattu, Wolverhampton City Council's leisure chief, said of the events: "Our bonfire events are always very popular and this year we hope to see hundreds of families turn up to enjoy a spectacular display."

Ewe anything to spare for Baa-bara?

Art forum co-ordinator Ros Glover with Baa-bara the sheep at W'ton Art Gallery

SEEING is believing when it comes to the mysterious hidden wolf of Wolverhampton.

The artwork, officially called the Wolf (in Sheep's Clothing), has become a quirk of the city centre, though many do not even realise it's there.

The huge mechanical sheep, nicknamed Baa-bara, emerges from the balcony of the art gallery every hour before opening up to reveal a red-eyed wolf. However, due to technical issues, Baa-bara's a little under the weather at the moment and is unable to make the daily appearances. It was commissioned in 1999 as part of the Millennium celebrations and has taken pride of place above Lichfield Street ever since it was installed in Spring 2000.

It even comes with its own sound effects with the bleating of lambs and the howl of wolf ringing out from the gallery balcony every hour. Wolfie used to be introduced with an eerie plume of smoke but frequent calls to the fire service by concerned passers-by put an end to that. But due to circuit board problems, Baa-bara is no longer rising high enough to activate the sensors which release the wolf.

A campaign to raise funds to fix Baa-bara has been started by a group of former Northicote School pupils who meet in the gallery cafe. Donations can be made through the Friends of Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Forms are available at the gallery reception or online but must specify that the donation is for the sheep repair.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Teething' issues with trams fixed

THE performance of a new fleet of trams on the Midland Metro has been defended by transport bosses.

The first of the £40m Urbos 3 trams started running between Wolverhampton and Birmingham in September.

But Centro, said there were some 'teething' problems with on-board software which had been sorted.

A spokesman said: "Each tram is evaluated and must complete 1,500km of fault-free running before going into service. However, sometimes there will be initial teething issues."

Double success for city brewers

THERE was double success for one of Wolverhampton-based Marston's breweries in the World Beer Awards.

Jennings Bitter won a gold medal as Europe's best pale bitter up to five per cent strength, while Jennings Cumberland Ale won a silver in the same category.

Both beers had to battle through stringent taste tests judged by everyone from consumers to the trade press, and including several brewers.

Pupils sink teeth into challenge

WOLVERHAMPTON students have been sinking their teeth into a business challenge.

Teams from The King's Church of England School and St Peter's Collegiate have taken on the challenge to create a marketing plan and design for a new six-inch Subway sandwich.

They will be going head-to-head with ideas from other schools and colleges from across the region.

Revellers take on The Beast in quiz

TV quiz master The Beast put revellers' knowledge to the test when he stopped off at a Wolverhampton pub.

The star of ITV's The Chase, real name Mark Labbett, took on customers at the Royal London in Wulfruna Street.

The giant genius challenged punters to outsmart him in a bid to land £100.

Sweet thought

BRANCHES of Pure Gym in Wolverhampton are asking members to bring in sweets to give to youngsters at the Wolverhampton Food Bank on October 31. Those who contribute will get a free day pass.

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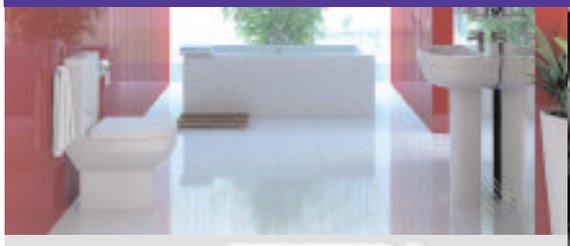

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

THE landlord of my local insists these are genuine answers to a popular Black Country pub quiz:

(Q) Name the capital of the Republic of Ireland, beginning with the letter 'D'

(A) Belfast

(Q) Which group of islands are sometimes known as Malvinas?

(A) Boyzone.

Any more entries gratefully received...

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A COUPLE of weeks ago, some of you may remember that I made a prediction regarding the new series of The Apprentice. I ventured that, given that this year's series had a record 20 candidates, and was scheduled to run for just 14 episodes, that we should not be too surprised if the honourable Lord Sugar would lose his paddy from time to time and spontaneously fire contestants on a whim.

By the end of the second week, five candidates have got the bullet, and the enobled one is firing like Bodie out of the professionals. So just call me Confucius.

And here is another prediction. Sometimes during the series, Lord Sugar will turn up at the crack of dawn in order to treat us to the sight of the dishevelled-looking hopefuls being briefed in their pyjamas and odd socks.

The Apprentice is now in its 10th series, and those taking part are supposed to be some of the sharpest and shrewdest young minds in the country. Has it never crossed any of their minds that it might be a good idea to keep a shirt and trousers by the side of the bed, just in case?

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TOM Jones is offering fans the opportunity to buy advanced tickets for concert dates, right up until he reaches the ripe old age of 103.

Some people have suggested this might be a bit presumptious, and I tend to agree. Selling tickets a year in advance is always a risky business.

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GIVEN that we are constantly told we are sitting on an economic timebomb caused by the growing health needs of an ageing population, whoever thought it would be a good idea to offer GPs a double-glazing-style bonus for diagnosing Alzheimer's?

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MOTHER-of-three Michelle Hall claims she is allergic to Simon Cowell.

"As soon as he walked on stage wearing those trousers pulled up to his chest, grinning demonically and winking, I felt a sweat coming on."

Indeed, so severe is her condition, that the 43-year-old claims she screams, sweats and vomits every time the X-Factor comes on television.

Get to the back of the queue, love.

In the manufacturing heyday about 80 years ago

The old Sunbeam factory along the Penn Road

Clock still on the wall on the factory floor

Breathing new life into Sunbeam

Behind the scenes with ADAM THOMPSON as iconic factory undergoes a £10 million revamp

ABANDONED workshops, light fittings still intact and a clocking-in board gathering dust.

This is behind the scenes of the iconic Sunbeam factory in Wolverhampton which is undergoing a £10 million revamp to turn it into 115 homes.

And bosses have revealed they are aiming to have the first tenants set-up home as early as this Christmas.

The skeletons of 40 of the apartments that will go into the historic former factory have already been erected.

Workers are now putting the roof on to the first phase of the project which began in March with the whole development expected to be completed by summer 2017.

Eysesore

Developer Liam Wordley is overseeing the project. He said: "The building has been disused for so long I think people in Wolverhampton came to get used to it being an eyesore.

"It is on a gateway into the city and we are bringing it back to life. The aim is for the first phase to be finished by Christmas and the first tenants to move in by then.

"I have a passion for attacking problem buildings and this was one of them.

"I think when all the scaffolding comes down from the outside that's when people will see that it is a new building.

"Once we restore the Sunbeam lettering on the outside that will be another big day."

The premises, on the Penn Road Island, has been standing empty since 1999 and is now surrounded by scaffolding.

The site covered in scaffolding and netting as it awaited a buyer

During its lifetime, the Sunbeam factory was used for industrial uses including japanning works and cycling and car manufacturing. Sunbeam was most famous for its motorcycles which were known around the world. The coming-and-goings of lorries and the sounds of the development taking shape have brought back to life a reminder of Wolverhampton's once industrial might.

Inside the structure are dozens of deserted workshops that once produced thousands upon thousands of motorcycles and bicycles.

A clocking-in board remains fixed to the wall at the entrance of one of the workshops and even stickers peeled from workers' bananas are still stuck to the wall.

Many windows have been smashed during years of decline and the area which will become a communal courtyard is a mud bath.

But in just under three years time it could be one of the city centre's biggest residential developments with hundreds expected to relocate to the corner of Paul Street and Pool Street. Mr Wordley, a former rugby player, was also behind the regeneration of the former Territorial Army drill hall in Stafford Street, next door to the Hogshead bar, which is now student accommodation.

But he also had a vision for the 19th century Sunbeam site – formerly known as 'Sunbeamland' – something he purchased from regeneration firm Urban Splash. This includes maintaining most of the factory's history.

He said: "We want to keep as many of the building's original features as possible.

"Some of the homes have the original steel beams and a cast iron pipes in them and they all add to the identity of the place. It's about keeping Sunbeam alive."

In all, the 120,000 sq ft site will be a five-storey development with some of the apartments that are beginning to take shape offering views looking out over the south side of the city centre. Of the 115 apartments 32 will provide learning disability accommodation and a total of 109 parking spaces will also be created.

Positive

MP for Wolverhampton South East Pat McFadden said other sites in the city need to be redeveloped too.

He said: "I think it is positive to see such a significant site in Wolverhampton being fixed-up and it is good for the city to see this happen. What we need are other locations being revamped.

"One of the features of Wolverhampton when you drive around are disused buildings and there is a need to bring them back into use for the community.

"It is not only big sites like Sunbeam but also the small plots."

Councillor for Blakenhall – the ward the factory building sits in – John Rowley said it showed people are willing to invest in Wolverhampton. He said : "In all great industrial town and cities there are a number of buildings that symbolise its image."

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

ED Miliband has made a wise choice bringing Pat McFadden back to his front bench as shadow Europe minister.

The Paisley-born MP for Wolverhampton South East knows only too well about campaigns to keep families of nations together. He went up north to urge his fellow Scots to stay in the UK. And now he's making the hard-headed, patriotic case for the UK to stay in the EU.

While Labour is sticking firmly to holding a referendum only in the event of a transfer of power to Brussels, Lichfield Tory MP Michael Fabricant thinks one is 'inevitable'. The big question is going to be who will lead the various sides.

Even Eurosceptics on the Tory benches won't want to concede the 'out' campaign to Nigel Farage. Nor would UKIP want the Conservatives they've been fighting against to carry the standard on their core policy.

As for the 'in' campaign, should it eventually happen, Mr McFadden is a good choice, if not to lead it, then to be very prominent within it. He's someone who brings with him a wealth of experience and connections with the business world and can talk up the economic impact of an 'out' vote.

This is a Labour MP, from the party that wants to hit the bankers hard for their part in the financial crisis, who was also able to get the former RBS boss Stephen Hester to visit Wolverhampton and talk to business people.

Those contacts, incidentally, came in handy when he and fellow Wolverhampton MP Paul Uppal were campaigning separately to get the Barbara Hepworth Rock Form statue put back in the Mander Centre. RBS owns the statue.

It will be up to Pat McFadden to make the most of this new role. The Europe question is a complicated one. In the wrong hands this shadow brief is a poisoned chalice.

The Conservatives are trying to not only hold on to seats they won in 2010 but gain others to give David Cameron the majority that eluded him.

Even so, it is probably beyond ambitious to expect to win in Warley, part of Labour stronghold Sandwell where there is just a single Conservative councillor out of 72.

The Tories quietly merged the former Warley Conservative Association with others to form a Sandwell Federation. Tory high command says it was a democratic decision taken locally to merge the groups.

Some former members are not happy. They want their association back. Ewart Johnson is one of those. He's stood for election 20 times and never won once. Whatever your political stance, that's real dedication to the cause.

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Traffic wardens target buses – at city bus stop

TRAFFIC wardens in Wolverhampton have been dishing out tickets to bus drivers – for stopping at a bus stop.

Buses outside the Moon Under Water pub in Lichfield Street have been slapped with £70 fines.

A fed-up driver described the city council as being 'on a suicide mission to drive everyone out of Wolverhampton'.

Wardens started ticketing buses after receiving complaints about illegal parking. The council said no vehicle was allowed to stop in the street unless loading or unloading.

And while the local authority admits two fines were dished out to bus drivers one day, National Express West Midlands say it is 'several'.

A meeting to address issue was due to take place with traffic wardens told not to give out any more fines while the bus company investigates.

Roadworks

It is the number one Wolverhampton-to-Dudley service, which stops twice in Lichfield Street instead of thebus station, that has been falling foul of the wardens.

One bus driver who was ticketed but asked not to be named said: "I think there was six or seven of us ticketed in total.

"Some drivers were there for two or three minutes waiting for a change of driver when the traffic wardens gave them tickets.

"The wardens were telling us we had to move on, but that is always the place where we change drivers before the bus heads off to Dudley. It's crazy when you have cars driving through the taxi-only lane up Pipers Row while the roadworks are on. They don't get tickets, but we are getting penalised for doing our jobs.

Wardens were responding to complaints that drivers had been abandoning their buses for long periods of time for breaks. Buses and coaches are allowed to stop in the street to drop people off and pick them up, but not to park.

Crafting help for needy

The Crafty Crafters group who meet at the Tabernacle Baptist Church are making gifts as part of Operation Christmas Child

CHARITY workers are calling for donations to create Christmas packages that will be sent out to children in Eastern Europe.

Since January the Crafty Crafters group based at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dunstall Road, Dunstall Hill, Wolverhampton, have been knitting hats, scarves and mittens to be donated as part of Operation Christmas Child.

An appeal has now been launched to encourage others to get involved in the scheme which sees gifts collected in shoe boxes from churches, businesses and schools around the city which are then transported to countries such as Belarus, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro.

Last year 4,600 packages were sent from Wolverhampton and included jewellery, clothing and stationery.

Dianne Martin-Summers, district co-ordinator in Wolverhampton for the scheme, said: "We started the group at the beginning of the year and have been knitting items in preparation for Operation Christmas Child. It's an important cause."

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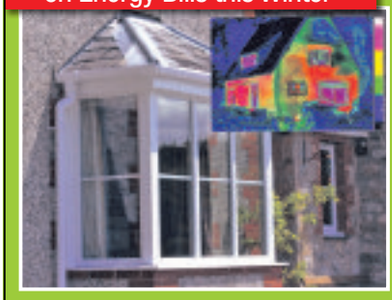

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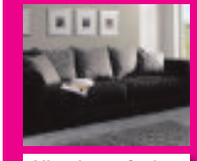

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Working together to get Rock Form back

THE campaign to save the Mander Centre Hepworth sculpture has been a success. Many are rightly concerned about the eventual renewal of the loan arrangement.

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Our petition gave both a voice to thousands of ordinary folk, and a real mandate to the councillors and MPs who talked to RBS on our behalf. In this pre-election period, our politicians could have been competitive, but in the event their efforts dovetailed, and they deserve credit for that – in equal shares.

Many people deserve our thanks for their help.Legally, Rock Form may still 'belong' to RBS. But in a deeper sense, it 'belongs' to Wolverhampton. It has become a resident, an old friend, one of us. And long may it remain so.

RICHARD WARREN
Bring Back the Mander
Hepworth campaign

Stores ahead in price war

THE German-based companies Aldi and Lidl are winning the ferocious supermarket price war hands down.

After a survey I find one in four people are shopping at either supermarket. Aldi are planning another 52 shops next year. Lidl are hoping to complete eight shops before Christmas.

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We should be loyal to our own supermarkets, but how can we, when the price comparison is so great?

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M WARD
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So many people, and so as not to leave anyone out by mistake, we just want to give a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone involved. The cut glass bowl is absolutely fabulous, thank you.

The Friends we have made will remain as our extended family.

Thank you all for the happy memories.

CARMEN RAWLEY
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Make saving by cutting MPs

THE increasing cost of keeping the political class at Westminster is becoming a burden to the hard-pressed taxpayer in these austere times. Being told that we are all in this together, makes a mockery of the situation. The same applies to local councils.

I have yet to see any savings approved by our political elite, in their numbers or expenses so far, as they appear to do exactly as they wish and the recent expense scandal, which has not been addressed, together with their inflation busting pay rise of around 10 per cent, proves the point.

Many MPs and their helpers have lucrative second jobs, directorships and paid TV work, etc, and do not need additional cash incentives, as the position is only a part-time one. Some have the time to write books for profit.

Do we really need 650 MPs, another 950 peers, and 750 MEPs? Savings must be made by a reduction in their number, to a more manageable 300, 350 and 400 respectively?

M COOPER
Wolverhampton

Why UKIP is gaining voters

I HAVE seen several television debates asking why people are increasingly voting for UKIP, and I have heard many reasons discussed; there may even be some truth to these reasons. However, there is one reason that I have not yet heard mentioned and it is the obvious reason: a large section of society wish to leave the European Union.

I write as someone who has previously voted for UKIP and may well again; I vote for them because I believe the United Kingdom should leave the political entity of the European Union.

This is a valid view-point and one that is deserving of respect, but, it seems that it is an opinion that 'main-stream' politicos seem unable to grasp.Whether or not you agree with this view this is a valid political view.

Until 'main-stream' politicos enter into a dialogue with others who hold this view they will not understand why UKIP is growing in popularity.

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Rally support to save the last two remnants of North Street

I RECKON there must be hundreds of old Wulfrunians born in the shadow of St Peter's deeply saddened once again as they contemplate another historic piece of their childhood disappear in the name of progress, i.e. 'The Fox' (late Wanderer), none more so than I.

For the old Fox in North Street for over 200 years has played its part in the diverse history of our town now city, just two years after the momentous Battle of Waterloo had brought the Napoleonic Wars to an end. A historic court case later to become known nationally as the Blood Money Incident brought the Fox Inn to mind, when two soldiers sentenced to hang at Stafford, for highway robbery and later reprieved, were billeted at that time at The Fox in North Street.

Now today to see this iconic building go will also be a personal loss for me, for many reasons. My father met my future mother there in the early 1930s; it was his local and my mother was in service there to the tenants Mr and Mrs Rogers.

They held their wedding reception at The Fox in 1936 and moved to the family home in Nursery Street close by, where I was born in 1937. The Fox still remained his local, and it was two years later in 1939 I had my first introduction to this house albeit only to the stables, and this tale was repeated by father on many occasions.

In 1939, the celebrated film star Tom Mix appeared for a week at The Hippodrome, and as it was the thing in those days with quite a few of the animal acts appearing, he stabled his horse Tony at the bottom Fox as it was then known.

Do what you can to rally support to save these last two remnants of the old North Street, i.e. The Fox and The Feathers, that were once integral parts of my playground.

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Shame over demolition

WHILE I applaud the comment by Keith Ireland, that we should be proud of our city, however, this is the city that has demolished more ancient buildings than any other in the country.

It is now going to demolish the Wanderer pub, an iconic building next to the famous football ground – in the name of progress. ASDA should be ashamed and the action group 38 Degrees have attained more than 2,000 signatures to try to stop the demolition of this iconic building.

How many more petrol stations does Wolverhampton need? Let's see Mr Ireland do something positive. Talking's cheap.

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Youth zone 'is the Way forward for our city'

WOLVERHAMPTON 'will be proud of this' – this is the verdict of Wolves chairman Steve Morgan as work started on his £6 million youth zone project.

The centre, being built on Worcester Street, will be open to thousands of city youngsters. And Morgan has predicted it will play a key role in the regeneration of Wolverhampton city centre.

He said he was proud to be overseeing a project that 'every town and city should have', with Wolverhampton the first in the Midlands to do so. The youth zone, called The Way, will open in early 2016.

It will cater for five-a-side football, amateur dramatics, computer technology, music, dancing, basketball, netball and a host of other activities.

Wolves chairman Steve Morgan uses a giant spade to mark the start

Delighted

In doing so, the centre will become just the second youth club in Wolverhampton, after up to 30 were axed earlier this year by the council due to budget cuts.

Morgan, speaking at the official launch of work starting on the site of the former Scala cinema, said he couldn't wait for it to open.

"This is a fantastic project for the young people of this city," he said. "It's a place for young people to go, it will get them off the streets and will have excellent facilities and activities they could hardly dream of.

"It's what every town and city should have and I'm delighted we've been able to bring to Wolverhampton first.

"Wolverhampton will be proud of this and I can't wait to showcase it when it's built."

Wolves supremo Morgan is chairman of the youth zone project, with inspiration taken from a similar and successful scheme in Wigan which has attracted 9,000 youngsters.

Initial predictions for The Way are for 3,000 members, with up to 250 attending every night.

A key aspect to the centre, Morgan said, was that it would be affordable for all, with rates of 50p entry per day to use all the facilities.

"It's all inclusive, it's for everybody," he said. "It will give people from all backgrounds and all areas of the city a focus.

"I'm delighted to put my name to this, I'm lucky enough for [youth charity] OnSide to have me as their champion for this, but it's not about me at all.

"It's about the young people of Wolverhampton and it's a proud moment for the city."

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Payout for hearing loss print operator

A FORMER printing machine operator from Wolverhampton has received a payout after suffering permanent hearing loss while at work.

Father-of-four Mohammed Arshad now has tinnitus after being exposed to loud noise while working with industrial printers.

The 43-year-old worked at Mondi Packaging for 15 years where he was a printing machine operator.

He worked next to four 15-metre long machine and has suffered permanent hearing loss as a result of using noisy machinery.

Protection

Solicitors acting on Mr Arshad's behalf found that he was not given appropriate ear protection, resulting in the permanent damage.

The law firm has now secured Mr Arshad an undisclosed settlement from his former employers to cover his pain and suffering and contribute to the cost of hearing aids and devices he now needs.

Mr Arshad worked at the firm between 1990 and 2005. He was also exposed to noise from other industrial equipment on the factory floor, including gluing machines, stitching machines, flatbed cutters and dye cutting equipment. It was not until later years that Mr Arshad was provided with protective equipment.

By Simon Stone

He described how he used to have to shout at colleagues even if they were just a few feet away.

Mr Arshad said: "It was so loud on the factory floor where I was working that I would have to shout to communicate with colleagues working just a few feet away from me. But it was not until the latter years of my employment that I received ear protection equipment.

The damage relates to his time at the Luton branch of the firm.

Shortlist success for florist Jessica

Jessica Richards, left, and twin sister Victoria are co-owners of Richards Floral Design

A PARTNER in a wedding floristry company has been shortlisted in a national wedding award scheme.

Jessica Richard, aged 25, of Richards Floral Design, Broad Lane, Wolverhampton has been shortlisted in this year's hitched.co.uk Breakthrough Awards in the best wedding florist category.

The awards recognise new talent in the wedding industry for companies that have been in business since June 2011.

Jessica is the co-owner of Richards Floral Design with her twin sister Victoria.

The twins trained at Rodbaston College, near PenkridgeBoth entered the Chelsea Flower Show heats in 2013, where they both won a place at the show going on to win a gold medal each. It was the first time two sisters had won gold medals in the same year.

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Martial arts to point young in job direction

A UNIQUE new training business that incorporates martial arts into its programme has been launched in Wolverhampton.

Turning Point has been set up by qualified jiu-jitsu instructors Wayne Rice and Karl Fitzsimons.

It is operating from Newhampton Arts Centre in Dunkley Street where the pair have invested £20,000.

Part of their suite of offices and training rooms is a martial arts area where the trainees aged 16 to 24 will be taught the traditional Japanese self defence techniques.

Discipline

Mr Rice, who is from Wolverhampton, said learning jiu-jitsu will help equip young people with discipline and focus that would help them to get on the path to work.

He and Mr Fitzsimons, from Liverpool, who are both with the Global Jiu-jitsu Association, were helped in setting up Training Point by Paul Coxhead from the Logistics Apprenticeship Training Academy (LATA) who is also a martial arts enthusiast.

"Turning Point will help young people looking to develop the skills to find employment or start apprenticeships.

"A lot don't know what direction to take. Turning Point will be the first step to turning them around and pointing them in the right direction.

As well as martial arts, the new business offers a computer suite where they will be taught employment skills and literacy and numeracy and there is also a health, nutrition and fitness room.

The aim is to have four groups of eight in training at a time. Each course would run for six months and they would be work placements. The first

Paul Coxhead with jui-jitsu instructors Karl Fitzsimons and Brigette Doran

Vice crackdown praised

A POLICE operation which snared 12 kerb crawlers and eight prostitutes has been praised by a councillor.

Councillor Bishan Dass said he was very pleased that police were working to stamp out prostitution in Wolverhampton's All Saints and Ettingshall areas.

Councillor Dass, and his Ettingshall ward colleagues Councillors Mrs Sandra Samuels and Andrew Johnson, have now written to Sgt Jon Yeomans, who oversaw the operation, thanking him for his efforts. Sgt Yeomans said officers have carried out both overt and covert patrols of the vice area.

Ten prostitutes were issued with official warnings, while four men were charged with kerb crawling. A further eight men have been referred to attend a kerb crawlers' rehabilitation course next month.

Councillor Dass said: "It is an excellent piece of work which will send a right message out to rest of the culprits."

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Sisters give birth to baby girls just 15 hours apart

SISTERS Hayley Griffin and Emily Shone have given their family plenty to celebrate after both gave birth within 15 hours of each other.

The new arrivals had been expected to bounce into the world weeks apart but delivered a photo finish at the maternity unit of Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

Mum Lisa Shone said at the family home in Beech Road, Oxley, that everyone was in shock that the new arrivals had come so close together.

"Emily phoned my husband Brian and I at 1am to say that she was being taken into hospital and three hours later Hayley called to say she was having contractions and was going in too.

"We went to see Emily during visiting hours at 1pm and ended up staying until 12.30am the following morning. We were back at the hospital three and a half hours later and got no sleep for two days. It is typical of us. We are family who never do things by half but all the toing and froing was well worth while because we now two wonderful granddaughters. We could not be more pleased."

Emily, aged 20, who lives with partner Frank Montana, 24 in Hordern Grove, Whitmore Reans, and works as a care assistant with her sister, explained: "I found out that I was pregnant three days after her. I was shocked because we were not trying for a baby.

Hayley, 23, from Forge Close, Pendeford who has been with sweetheart Daryl Field, 26, for seven years, added: "It was a really happy coincidence."

Her daughter Elsie weighed in a 8lb 9oz while her sister had 5lb 14oz Arabella.

Sisters, left, Hayley Griffin with her daughter Elise May, and Emily Shone with her daughter Arabella

First step to change in electoral register

SOME 3.7 million people across the West Midlands have had their previous electoral register entries transferred on to new registers.

The first stage in the move to Individual Electoral Registration (IER) took place over the summer and is part of the biggest change to the electoral registration system in almost 100 years.

It has replaced the household registration system with a requirement to register individually. For the first time people have also been able to register to vote online.

Figures show that in Wolverhampton, 161,205 electors (90 per cent) had their details transferred onto the new electoral registers. The number not transferred to the new registers in the West Midlands region is approximately 480,000. These electors should have all now received letters telling them how they can get on to the new register.

Chris Hinde Electoral Commission Regional Manager for the Midlands, said: "It's encouraging that 3.7 million people across the West Midlands have been moved on to the new electoral registers. But there's still more to do."

Protest as community hub plans are shelved

PLANS for a new community and health centre and library in Wolverhampton have been scrapped after council bosses deemed them 'not to be viable'.

Warstones Resource Centre had been earmarked to be transformed into a community building, featuring a built-in library, health centre, meeting room and cafeteria.

But Wolverhampton City Council has now shelved the plans, leaving residents fearing they may lose their library completely.

Merry Hill councillor, Chris Haynes said residents were 'crying out' for the centre to be kept up and running.

Emptied

He said: "We were promised that Warstones would be a multi-purpose facility as an assurance that the locality wasn't going to lose its library altogether but, so far, nothing at all has happened apart from the residential care facility being emptied.

"Now the future of the centre has been left in limbo. This is the worst of all possible outcomes. We need to give our community groups some indication that the centre has a future."

Councillor Haynes added that he had spoken with council officers and urged them to bring forward a plan to keep the centre open. He said: "We don't have many publicly-owned community assets in this part of Wolverhampton, so Warstones is of extra-special value to local people."

By Peter Madeley

Wolverhampton City Council's regeneration chief Councillor Elias Mattu, said the centre would remain open in its current form while the authority looked into different options for the site.

He said: "Earlier this year, the council entered formal negotiations with Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group over proposals to develop a health, social care and community service hub in Warstones.

"As a result of these discussions, these proposals have proven not to be viable and, as a result, the council is now exploring possible alternative options for the site. We will update the community as soon as we are in a position to do so. In the meantime, groups will continue to use the building as they do at present."

The centre on Warstones Gardens used to house a day care centre for elderly people fitted with respite and rehabilitation facilities, although that was shut down in 2012 following council concerns about low usage.

Supermarket puts back trolley locks

TROLLEY locks at a Pendeford supermarket have been re-instated after customer feedback.

Morrisons deputy store manager Chris Musson said locks had been removed from the trolleys in July following customer feedback which called for 'quicker and easier' shopping trips.

"Customers told us they found trolley locks inconvenient, especially when they didn't have a pound coin. Many people appreciated the removal of locks," he said.

"However, over the past few weeks some trolleys have been walked off site. This has given us cause for concern. To safeguard our property and prevent trolleys from being removed we are going to re-instate locks this week."

Nationwide, the removal had been overwhelmingly positive, he said, and the Pendeford Park Shopping Centre store was one of only five out of 279 stores UK-wide to re-instate the locks.

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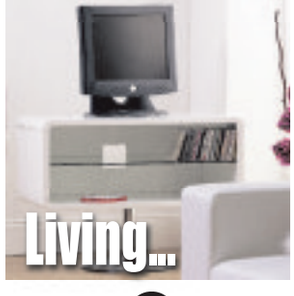
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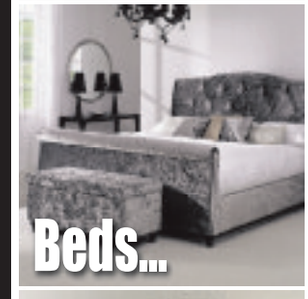
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Charlie Foster on the water at Perry Barr

Charlie on his boat Vulcan in the 1970s

Family tradition – Charlie's son Horace at the branch in 2010

The glass industry was linked to canals

Birchills Power Station near the canal

Caggy Stevens of Tipton, one of the last to horseboat

Stourbridge canal looking down to the glass kiln cone

Secret history of waterways is brought to life by canals expert

AS the industrial revolution took hold in the 18th century, canals spawned a radical new transport that became the arteries of the national economy.

Now, hundreds of years later, after being rescued from decline and neglect, the region's network is experiencing a rejuvenation as a place of leisure and recreation.

In his new book called Waterways of the West Midlands, Robert Davies, formerly of Tipton, delves into the unexplored history surrounding the great West Midland canal network.

Through interviews with some of the last great boatmen, he reveals a new insight into its fascinating history including intriguing places and people. The 60-year-old's interest in the inland waterways was first sparked 20 years ago when, after being off work ill, he learned about the early years of the canals from a friend.

Growing up in Tipton, he says he 'could not miss' the canals and had always been a familiar element of life in the Black Country. "The West Midlands has made and continues to make a huge contribution to the story of the inland waterways of Great Britain," he said.

MEMORY LANE

Report by Rob Golledge

"Yes, the Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN) has lost some of its original waterways, and that is a sad fact, but it is still an amazing place to visit, and its history is rich and varied.

"Add that to the other great associated waterways – the Staffordshire and Worcestershire; the Worcester and Birmingham; the Trent and Mersey; and of course, the River Severn, and you have enough waterways to spend a lifetime exploring."

The book starts off looking at the Stourport and its origin as a canal town. "Stourport is my first choice because, in 1772, that is where James Brindley placed the terminus of his Staffordshire and Worcestershire (S&W) Canal; and what a treasure that town has been for more than 200 years," he said.

Mr Davies also looks at some canal pioneers as he traces the reasons for their creation. "Historical figures are an essential part of this book, and such noteworthies as Boulton and Watt, John Corbett, and Josiah Wedgwood add to the tale of how the canals came to be and how useful they were to the 18th and 19th-century industrialists and entrepreneurs," he said.

"Of course, contrasted with these worthies are the ordinary working boatmen, and I have been fortunate to be able to get the life stories of two to add to our understanding of the last few decades of the industrial canal.

"At a horseboating demonstration at a recent boating rally, a young lady volunteer was heard to say, 'That doesn't look safe. I don't think the canals were designed for horses', prompting older ones to quickly put her right: that indeed the canals, and especially the towpath were designed for horses, just as much as they were made for narrowboats."

Mr Davies estimates that around 15,000 horses, mules or donkeys were pulling boats on the canals during their heyday.

The book looks at the links between the Stourbridge canal and the glass industry, as well as the industry on the Walsall canals where a man named Jack Haddock captured some of its last working days in photograph.

In the book, Mr Haddock explains: "My first recollections of Walsall were of a view from the balcony of a Corporation tramcar, as it rose over the steep hump of narrow canal bridge en route to Bloxwich. As you approached the bridge, there was the majestic sight of Pratt's Flour Mill with its imposing height and numerous small windows covered in flour dust."

Mr Davies describes himself as a part-time author and full-time canal enthusiast. This is his fourth book published by The History Press, his previous including Boats, Smoke, Steam and Folk and Midlands Canal Carriers. The book is £14.99.

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Pupils harvest food to help homeless

Teaching assistant Mrs Jo Harris-Thomson with Ahmed Gadamolla, Sophie Grice and Imaan Gulfam

CHILDREN at a Wolverhampton primary school celebrated the Harvest Festival by collecting food for a good cause.

Woodthorne Primary School held not one but two special assemblies for children and their parents.

The Tettenhall school collected food for the Wolverhampton homeless charity the Good Shepherd Ministry.

Headteacher Justin Crilly said: "We have being celebrating the Harvest Festival here at Woodthorne every year since the school started over 50 years ago.

"Through understanding the meaning of the Harvest Festival, children at the school have been learning about those countries and people who do not have enough food."

Residents have say on plan

RESIDENTS worried about plans to build a housing development in a conservation area in Wolverhampton have had their say on the proposal.

McCarthy & Stone wants to demolish 'Clock House' in Stockwell Road, Tettenhall, and build a three-storey block of 20 retirement apartments and two mews properties. It has not yet submitted the planning application but held an information evening for residents to address any concerns.

The land was once owned by Edward Swindley, who donated Tettenhall's landmark clock tower in Upper Green to the village in 1911. A scale model of the tower adorns the house's garden, which the firm says it will preserve should any development go ahead.

Stockwell Road resident Alex Murray has started the 'Save Tettenhall's Open Spaces' Facebook group, which he said aims to raise residents' awareness of what he claims is the proposed over-development of the road.

He said: "Stockwell Road is in a conservation area of Tettenhall. As residents, we are keen to preserve the open spaces and character of this beautiful area.

"Designation as a conservation area brings a number of specific statutory provisions aimed at assisting the preservation and enhancement of the area."

Mr Murray said residents' main objections were that the development does nothing to preserve or enhance the conservation area and will spoil the open view of the trees from Stockwell Road and Tettenhall Green; it will increase the occupancy of the street by 50 per cent, and the narrow road network already struggles with traffic and visitor parking.

Also the footprint of the building will cover a huge part of the garden space, which goes against the Tettenhall Neighbourhood Plan.

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Upcycling old furniture to look Chic

Chic to Chic –Emma Hyde, left, from Tettenhall and Diane Dickenson from Finchfield

THANKS to Kirstie Allsopp and her merry band of furniture hackers and vintage hunters, upcycling is all the range.

And now, Diane Dickenson, of Finchfield, and Emma Hyde, of Tettenhall, are bringing it to Wolverhampton.

Chic to Chic upcycles old pieces of furniture by revamping them and giving them a new lease of life.

They take pieces from local charity stores or housing collection companies and use their creativity to make them bigger, better and brighter.

The pair have been selling their work from their shop in Newhampton Arts Centre since the summer.

Diane said: "The craze is really taking off across the country at the moment, especially in London. People want a bit more originality."

Chic to Chic is open Saturdays from 10am to 4pm.

Anthem singer at hospice

THE lead singer of the band behind the official Black Country Anthem gave an intimate performance at the hospice where proceeds from the charity single will be donated.

James Stevens, front man of Dudley folk band The Empty Can, paid a visit to Compton Hospice, performing exclusively for patients.

James, along with his bandmates Rachel Slater and Steven Henley, recently found fame after releasing 'I Vow to Thee Black Country' - a re-working of the patriotic classic 'I Vow to Thee My Country' into the charts.

With the help and support of organisers of the 2014 Black Country Day Festival the song was adopted as the official Black Country Anthem prompting thousands to download the folk song and propelling the band to number 1 in the Amazon Folk Charts and number 32 in the independent singles chart.

James said: "I really enjoyed my day at Compton Hospice. It's always great to go and play to the people there, they are so cheerful and kind. It's one of the best things I get to do with my music."

Spokeswoman Grace Ruston said "We all really enjoyed James' visit to the hospice.

"It was a great opportunity for him to see first-hand where the money raised from the anthem will go.

"We hope James' visit will encourage even more people to download the single and show their support for hospice care."

The visit also fell during national Hospice Care Week , a national campaign to raise awareness of the fact that 1 in 3 people in the UK will be touched by hospice care at some point

Residents at risk in care home – report

VULNERABLE residents at a care home had to wait more than five hours to go to the toilet, a damning report has revealed.

Inspectors from health watchdog, the Care Quality Commission, found residents to be at 'serious risk' from the lack of basic care and inadequate staffing levels at Fallings Park Lodge, in Old Fallings Lane, in Wolverhampton. Residents were even found wearing each others' clothes.

The home, which specialises in nursing and personal care for up to 48 pensioners with dementia, mental health conditions, and physical disabilities, is being told to make improvements after repeatedly failing to meet all required standards.

Discomfort

Wolverhampton City Council has suspended further placements at the home, and demanded more staff be taken on, the report said. The council said it will continue to work closely with the home management.

The report states: "People who were dependent on staff for their continence needs had not been assisted for in excess of five hours. This placed people at risk of ill health and discomfort. "Proprietor Malcolm Aplin said: "I am very sorry.

"I put it down to bad management and correct training not being given.

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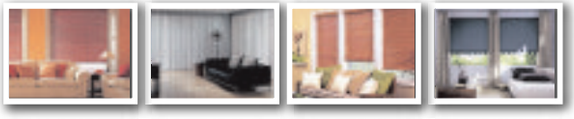

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Illustrating link with work and education

A COMIC book illustrator and a demolition expert were on hand to give a crash course in the world of work at the launch of a nationwide initiative to boost the aspirations of thousands of youngsters.

Primary Futures aims to help children understand the link between work and what they learn in school by inviting people employed in a range of professions to talk to primary schoolchildren.

More than 1,000 primary schools have signed up for the project, including dozens from around the Black Country.

Last week the scheme was launched at Oak Meadow Primary School in Wednesfield, where four guest speakers gave presentations to groups of Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Inspiration

Among those taking part were Laura Howell, an illustrator for The Beano. She said: "I decided I wanted to draw for a living at a young age, but it can be hard to find advice about this type of career in school. At this age the right inspiration can carry people through into a career."

Paul Dowswell, author of more than 60 books for children and young adults, also took part in the event. He said: "The idea of showing children how they can make it in the world of work is a fantastic one."

Other speakers were Express & Star reporter Peter Madeley and demolition expert John Woodward, who wowed the youngsters with his vivid descriptions of buildings being torn down accompanied by a short video.

Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds gave pupils an insight into life inside Parliament.

Details on primaryfutures.org

Illustrator Laura Howell with pupils Taylor Baker, left, and Charlie Tym

Crackdown on fly-tipping

REGULAR operations are being carried out to tackle fly-tipping after council bosses insisted it will not be tolerated.

South Staffordshire Council has vowed to seek to prosecute those who commit an offence of dumping rubbish. It comes after a man was hit with a court bill of almost £2,000 for fly-tipping household waste in Kinver.

Councillor Roger Lees, cabinet member for legal and public health protection said: "Fly tipping is a very serious business. Not only does it look unsightly, it also costs to clear up which ultimately impacts on council tax payers.

"As a rural district, some think that they can fly tip here without being caught. This is not the case.

"We carry out regular operations to ensure people are disposing of large quantities of waste in the correct way, and will seek to prosecute these criminals and recover the costs of clearing up rubbish."

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‘Crazee’ time as legends at Robin

Three of glam rock’s most celebrated bands are soon to take the stage as TIM SPIERS explains

Roy Wood at the Robin 2 Club in Bilston

THREE of glam rock’s most celebrated bands are set to take the stage in the Black Country over the space of a couple of ‘crazee’ months.

Slade, Roy Wood and Sweet will all be appearing at the Robin 2 in Bilston before the end of the year. Between them they have clocked up more than 100 years on the circuit, gracing some of the world’s biggest stages in front of sell-out crowds of screaming fans.

These days the bands are a rare sight on stages in the UK, but the Robin’s owners managed to persuade them all to return to the venue for a trio of highly-anticipated gigs.

Andy Scott of Sweet will be taking to the stage

First up is Roy Wood on November 18. Backed by his rock and roll band, the Brummie will perform many of the hits he notched up during stints with Wizzard, The Move and ELO, including I Can Hear The Grass Grow, Flowers In The Rain, Blackberry Way and the evergreen festive rocker I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday.

On December 18 the Black Country’s very own Slade will be back in town for what is expected to be a sell out show.

Anniversary

Featuring diminutive drummer Don Powell and guitarist Dave Hill, the band will rock their way through a set of classics including Get Down and Get With It, Coz I Luv You, Look Wot You Dun, Take Me Bak ‘Ome, Mama Weer All Crazee Now and Cum On Feel The Noize.

Support comes from 4Q.

Sweet will come to the Mount Pleasant venue on December 22 with a special show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of hit single Teenage Rampage.

Led by Andy Scott, singer and multi-instrumentalist from the classic line-up, the band will perform their trademark crowd pleasers including Love is like Oxygen, Wig Wam Bam, Little Willy, Blockbuster, Ballroom Blitz and of course Teenage Rampage. Robin 2 spokesman Mike Hamblett said he was looking forward to welcoming the bands, all of whom have previously played the venue.

Dave Hill will be bringing Slade back to Robin 2 after a break

He said: “I am very proud to host these three major players from the 70s glam rock period. Slade play very few UK gigs these days, while Roy Wood has played only twice in the country this year.

“It’s the same with Sweet. They are all friends and thankfully we managed to persuade them all to come and play the Robin again. They have been at it for years but all of them have managed to maintain big fan bases.

“These great bands really know how to put on a stunning show.”

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Youngsters book in for a fun time

Charlotte Cromie-Hellyar who runs Tumble Tots with her three-year-old daughter Heidi

WOLVERHAMPTON youngsters have been having a ball celebrating National Children's Activities Week.

Charlotte Cromie-Hellyar, the licensee for Tumble Tots, said the children were taking part in activities around the book Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson.

A physical play programme using specially-designed equipment, Tumble Tots has been running in Wolverhampton for 30 years, and 35 years nationally. From singing and dancing, to playing in the ball pen and tackling circuit activities, children are kept busy during the fun sessions.

Mrs Cromie-Hellyar, 34, said the classes help develop their agility, balance, co-ordination and confidence.

Weekly classes are run in Wolverhampton, Stafford and Cannock for 'gymbabes', who are babies from six months to walking, 'tumble tots' who are walking age up to school age, and 'gymbobs' who are school age to seven years old.

Abuse aid charity is honoured for work

DOMESTIC violence charity Women's Aid has been given a national award for its work in Staffordshire.

The county's branch was commended for its volunteering project, its pioneering work with older women living with domestic violence, and the way it has helped young women vulnerable to sexual violence.

The organisation was also praised for protecting child survivors of domestic violence, and for helping promote issues surrounding domestic violence.

Expertise

The charity's Staffordshire branch got the Women's Aid national quality standards kitemark.

Women's Aid chief executive Dickie James said: "It is a real honour to have been awarded this national quality kitemark, which evidences the specialist knowledge and expertise we have built over the last 38 years of supporting victims of domestic and sexual violence in Staffordshire.

"I am extremely proud of the work we have done in our communities, and of the dedication and commitment of our team of volunteers and staff.

"What this means is that we can feel very positive about the standard of our work, and so can our partners and, most importantly, the vulnerable women and children who use our services."

MP backs garden boss tribute

AN MP joined business leaders for a charity night honouring the life of a garden centre boss who died of cancer.

Gavin Williamson, Conservative MP for South Staffordshire, was among the guests, along with his wife Joanne, at the Premier Suite in Bar Sport, Cannock.

The night was held in memory of Tim Porter, managing director of the Hollybush Garden Centre in Shareshill, who lost his battle last year.

More than 230 people attended in all, including employees from Jack Moody LCE Limited, the Hollybush Garden Centre and A&D Aquatics.

Roulette

They enjoyed Las Vegas-style entertainment in the form of roulette, showgirls and dinner and music danced until the early hours thanks to entertainment from soul and funk band The Marks Brothers.

More than £12,000 was raised from the evening, which will be split between Cancer Research and the Midlands Air Ambulance, for whom Mr Porter raised many hundreds of pounds.

An auction on the evening included London theatre tickets, football memorabilia, a House of Commons bottle of Champagne, personally signed by David Cameron and donated by Mr Williamson.

There was also a host of prizes donated by local businesses.

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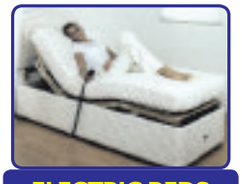

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Charity ball in memory of Daisy raises £10,000

Mike Healey, front left, with Adrian Thelwell of Compton Hospice, and fellow guests

A CHARITY ball held in memory of a hotelier who died from cancer has raised £10,000 for the hospice which cared for her in her final weeks.

Denice Healey, who ran the York Hotel in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, died at Compton Hospice on Christmas Day last year after being diagnosed with mesothelioma, a form of cancer usually caused by exposure to asbestos. She was 61.

Mrs Healey, who was affectionately known as 'Daisy', spent her last nine weeks at Compton Hospice, and her businessman husband Mike has pledged to raise £67,000 for the charity as a thank you.

Mr Healey, 47, of Keepers Lane, Tettenhall, who is managing director of Oosha, an information technology company based at the Midlands Technology Centre in Broadlands, Wolverhampton, organised the ball at his premises.

Around 200 people turned out for the £50-a-head Daisy Ball.

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The sign near Horsley Fields which sent drivers on a city centre detour

Sign of confusion for detour drivers

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Signs stating Bilston Street island was shut were still visible despite the roundabout having re-opened.

It meant drivers travelling into the city centre from Stafford Street drove anti-clockwise around the ring road to get to Bilston Street, a journey of 1.6 miles compounded by congestion. The normal journey in the clockwise direction is 0.6 miles.

Deteriorate

Centro spokesman Mark Langford said: "We realise this work is causing some diversions and delays. This work has to be done because otherwise the Metro track will deteriorate.

"We are trying to do the bulk of the work over the weekends to keep disturbance to a minimum. We apologise that these signs have been left on display, but we ask motorists to bear with us as this scheme will bring huge benefits to the city centre."

With the biggest overhaul of roads in decades taking over Wolverhampton city centre coinciding with a major upgrade of the tram network, motorists have already faced weeks of delays and diversions.

Centro's tram works in the city are due to continue for another five weeks, and the overhaul of roads in centre by Wolverhampton City Council will stop at the end of November to ease the pressure around Christmas before restarting in the new year.

In the city centre, a £1.4m scheme to pedestrianise a section of Princess Street, reverse the direction of traffic on Queen Street, and make Market Street one way has been taking place. Traffic that would have used Stafford Street to enter the city has been redirected to Bilston Street, sections of which have been closed in recent weeks.

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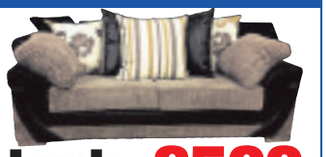
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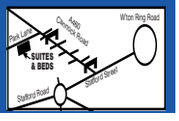

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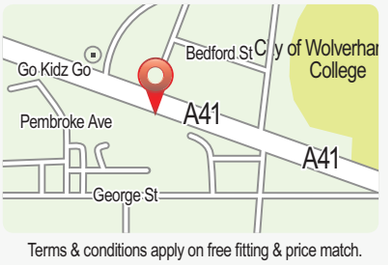

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Young performers' first steps on stage careers

THREE young performers have taken their first steps towards achieving their dreams of taking to the stage thanks to their training at a performing arts school.

The Caroline Lewis Performing Arts School, now in its 28th year, has seen many talented singers, actresses, dancers pass through its doors.

Sixteen-year-old Tammy Mann, who lives in Wolverhampton, has been a student at the school since the age of four, studying all performing art subjects.

She has recently taken musical theatre singing examinations with the Victoria College Of Music & Drama London and achieved individual grades 5, 6, 8, gold medal and was awarded distinction and most recently her diploma with honours.

Proud

Caroline Smith, principal at Caroline Lewis Performing Arts School, said: "To achieve this at such a young age is fantastic. We are immensely proud. This is down to hard work, utter dedication and an immense close relationship with her vocal coach Elaine."

Two other students from Wolverhampton, Melisa Akyol, 11, and Alicia Barnes, 16, have had successful auditions to perform with the English Youth Ballet's forthcoming Sleeping Beauty show at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Ms Smith said: "Both girls are extremely excited and as a school we are very proud of the girls and look forward to celebrating and watching them perform.

The school is based at St Anthonys RC school, Stafford Road, Wolverhampton

Melisa Akyol and Alicia Barnes will be appearing in Sleeping Beauty

Tammy Mann is seen with with vocal director Mrs Elaine Buckland

Students in skills finals

SEVEN students and apprentices have made it through to the national finals of a skills competition.

The City of Wolverhampton College learners have been shortlisted for the WorldSkills UK National Skills Competition finals, which will be held at The Skills Show from November 13 to 15 at the Birmingham's NEC.

They will be competing for gold, silver and bronze medals, all hoping to be the UK Champion in their skill.

Finalists in the Sheet Metalwork category are: Martin Bradburn, Tom Timmins, and Matthew Howard, who work for UTC Aerospace Systems Marston UK in Wolverhampton; Joel Wilks, of Radshape Sheet Metal Ltd in Birmingham; and Cameron Mia, Unitech Machinery Ltd, Burntwood.

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'Alarming' increase as 1,500 animals abandoned in year

ALMOST 1,500 animals have been found abandoned in the West Midlands so far this year, figures have revealed.

By Kimberley Crayton-Brown

The RSPCA said it was seeing an 'alarming' increase in the number of abandoned animals, with the West Midlands the fourth worst area in the country.

There were 1,428 animals abandoned in the area between January 1 and October 1, with London and Greater Manchester topping the table.

Nationally, the society has been called out to deal with 29,770 reports of abandoned animals this year and is expecting about 140,000 calls in November and December alone.

It means 50,000 animals will need help between now and Christmas.

RSPCA Midlands superintendent Kelly Rivers said staff and volunteers have seen an alarming increase in animals being abandoned across England and Wales and expect the situation to get worse over the winter months.

She said: "Even in a nation of animal lovers, there are thousands of people out there who don't care about their pets at all. In fact, some literally treat them like rubbish.

Vigilant

"Worse still, holidays like Christmas can lead to an increase in abandonments as some people choose to get rid of their pets rather than pay for them to be looked after while they are on holiday.

"Money may be spent on holidays and Christmas presents rather than seeking vet attention for ill or newborn animals, so they are dumped. It's bad enough when we find a box of kittens wrapped in blankets on our doorstep with a note, but now people are deliberately dumping their animals in out of the way places - like bins, skips or on waste ground - and leaving them to an unknown fate."

The charity is urging people to stay vigilant and alert staff if they notice boxes, bins or bags that could contain abandoned animals.

It has launched a winter campaign that will look at all aspects of the work it faces , including the rise in abandonments, weather-related rescues and an increase in violence towards animals.

Last month, police and the RSPCA said an appeal which was launched after a dog was found hanged outside a primary school had received a good response, with lots of useful information handed over.

West Midland charity Dog Watch UK, said the hanging highlighted a growing problem of pets getting into the wrong hands and they were often left with abandoned animals to care for.

Children 'don't get protection they deserve'

CHILDREN in the West Midlands are not receiving the level of protection from the police that they deserve, according to a new inspection report.

In the report, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary said investigations into child abuse by West Midlands Police were being hampered by heavy workloads and a lack of understanding among officers.

Commitment

Concerns were also voiced that the force struggled with difficult, complex or prolonged child protection cases.

The report, which followed an inspection in June this year, did praise the force's leadership for demonstrating a strong commitment to child protection, with a clear plan for developing its services.

It said staff responsible for managing child abuse investigations were knowledgeable, committed and dedicated to providing good outcomes for children, and the force had developed good relationships with partner organisations.

But it said officers did not always understand when to refer child protection issues to other agencies or how to do it, and also voiced concerns that youngsters were unnecessarily being detained in police custody overnight.

HM Inspector of Constabulary, Dru Sharpling, said: "I am pleased to see the clear commitment to protecting children shown by both the leaders and the dedicated staff within West Midlands Police.

"Despite this, our inspection found areas of concern that meant children were not receiving the service they deserve."

The force has six weeks to draw up an action plan.

Brave Josh named volunteer of year

Josh Dudley, who has been raising awareness for Midland Air Ambulance, with his dad John Birchill

A TEENAGER who suffered horrific injuries after being knocked off his bike has been helping to raise money and awareness for the Midland Air Ambulance.

Brave Josh Dudley, aged 13, was left fighting for his life after the crash in Stourbridge in April 2011. He was revived by his father at the scene and Birmingham Children's Hospital where he spent 81 days in a coma.

But despite doctors fearing he would be forced to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair, he has managed to learn to walk again.

Josh, who is a pupil at Penn Hall School in Wolverhampton, and his family have been using his miraculous story to raise awareness for the air ambulance. They have been involved in promotional videos and have attended fundraising events to talk to people about the charity's work.

And Josh has now been honoured for dedication to the cause after being named Dudley's Young Volunteer of the Year.

Series of open days for city's new free school

A NEW free school set to open in Wolverhampton is hosting a series of open days next month.

The British Sikh School is due to open in Blakenhall in September 2015, initially to cater for up to 120 Year 7 pupils.

As part of a recruitment drive, school leaders are inviting parents to meet with them and find out about the plans for the school.

Inspired

Manoher Singh, project manager for the school, said: "We want people to come and find about about the high quality of education we have to offer and see our innovative and exciting curriculum for themselves."

The school will be inspired by the Sikh ethos, although it won't be a faith school and will be open to open to children of all or no religious background.

Open days will take place on: Saturday, November 1, 9.45am-12.45pm, Monday, November 3, 3-8pm, Thursday, November 13, 3-8pm and Wednesday, November 19, 3-8pm.

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INFO

- Return standard class seat on Eurostar and TGV from London
- Return rail connections to London
- Six nights bed and breakfast accommodation
- Two dinners
- Tour of the Rhine Valley
- Guided tours of Strasbourg and Heidelberg
- Visits to Aachen, Colmar and the Black Forest
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- Services of a tour manager
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The final tour takes in the medieval town of Piazza Armerina, which is set in wooded hills, and close to which the Roman villa at Casale gives a fascinating insight into imperial life. A journey is then made to Agrigento, a vast archeaological area boasting some of the best preserved Ancient Greek relics outside of Greece itself.

INFO

- Return flights
- Seven nights half-board accommodation
- Tour of Mount Etna and Taormina
- Visit to Palermo
- Tour to Piazza Armerina and Agrigento
- Explore the Aeolian islands of Lipari and Vulcano
- Excursion to Syracuse
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Events are lined up for dementia week

A RESIDENTIAL home in Tettenhall is putting on a series of free events for its annual dementia awareness week.

Sunrise Senior Living is hosting daily events from November 3-7 to provide education and support for those who care for older people with memory loss.

On November 3 from 11am-4pm visitors are invited to meet the team and look around the facilities. The centre's vintage tea room will be officially named on November 4 at 3pm, with drinks, cakes and a live singer.

On November 5 an Admiral Nurse will be on hand from 11am-noon to answer questions on dementia.

The Alzheimer's Society will deliver a dementia friends session on November 6 (3-4pm) offering advice on how to help people with memory loss.

On November 7 there will be a reminiscence fun session starting at 11am, including an informal chat about old times.

Gary Gray proposed to Natalie Edwards while picking pumpkins at Essington Fruit Farm

Gary's marriage proposal finally comes to fruit-ion

THEY'RE more Halloween than Valentine's Day, but love was most definitely in the air when Gary Gray went to pick pumpkins.

The romantic engineer, aged 27, had been searching high and low for the perfect time and place to pop the question to long-time girlfriend Natalie Edwards, also 27.

And he finally found it in the middle of a pumpkin patch at Essington Fruit Farm in South Staffordshire.

It was a pick-your-own-pumpkin day but Gary picked a wife instead. He said: "I had spent a lot of time looking for the right location for the proposal.

"October is my favourite month because of the wonderful colours it generates and I have always enjoyed farms. When I saw the orange of the pumpkins dotted around the field I realised that was the final piece of the jigsaw. Fortunately I had bought the ring months earlier and was carrying it around with me for when I finally found the right time and place. So I went down on one knee and asked her to marry me in the middle of the field where we were the only two people at that moment. Natalie's face up lit up with the biggest smile I have ever seen."

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Life spared of pet who attacked a guide dog

A DOG which attacked a guide dog in a savage attack in Wolverhampton city centre has had its life spared.

The guide dog was injured and its owner left 'frightened to death' after the attack by a Staffordshire Bull Terrier earlier this year.

Wolverhampton Magistrates Court was told how John Botham's dog attacked savagely attacked a guide dog belonging to Alistair Dunbar on August 1. Mr Dunbar said the attack had left him afraid to go into Wolverhampton city centre.

By Mark Andrews

Botham, aged 57, of Carter Road, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, was made the subject of a six-month supervision order after admitting being in charge of a dangerously out of control dog which caused injury to an assistance dog.

He was also banned from taking the dog, called Toke but also known as Popeye, inside the Wolverhampton ring road.

Muzzled

An order was made that the dog must be muzzled and on a lead when in a public place, and that it must be neutered within one month.

Speaking after the case Mr Dunbar, who lost his sight four years ago after being struck with glaucoma, said his dog Teresa was a lifeline allowing him to make visits into the city.

"I've had her almost three years now, and she's everything to me," said Mr Dunbar, of New Street, Portobello, Willenhall. "I'm just frightened to death now."

Mr Dunbar, who is 65, said he had already had to change the route he walked through the city to avoid Woolpack Alley, where the attack happened.

During sentencing Mr Roger Bleazard, prosecuting, said the attack happened for no obvious reason.

"It was a savage attack on the guide dog, and the treatment required resulted in a vet's bill of £1,300 which will be met by the Royal National Institute of Blind People," he said.

Mr Richard Quinn, representing Botham, said his client was drawing sketches in the city, inviting passers by to give him coins.

"He had the dog on a lead, but he dropped a pencil," said Mr Quinn. "When he went to pick it up, he momentarily let go."

Mr Quinn said Botham's dog had shown no behavioural problems until then.

Deputy district judge Sophie Toms also ordered that Botham's dog must not be allowed in a public place unless supervised by somebody over 16, and warned Botham that failure to comply would lead to the dog being destroyed. He was ordered to pay £200 compensation and £60 victim surcharge.

Botham sent his apologies to Mr Dunbar.

Sikhs to attend vigil for 30th anniversary

SIKHS from the Black Country will be among those gathering to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 1984 Sikh Massacre.

More than 8,000 Sikhs were slain in Delhi between October 31 and November 3, 1984, in response to the assassination of Indira Gandhi. Across India around 30,000 Sikhs were killed, while 400,000 were displaced from their homes.

Vigil

On Saturday a candlelight vigil will be held in Birmingham's Victoria Square to remember the victims.

Former Wolverhampton South West MP Rob Marris said he is also planning to attend the event.

He said: "Thousands of Sikhs were massacred by rioters, yet shockingly there have been almost no prosecutions."

The event takes place from 3pm to 6pm.

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TV Anne a diamond – so is club

Shareshill WI

FIFTY members celebrated the WI's diamond anniversary with a three-course dinner at Shugborough Hall. Catering staff were thanked for the wonderful meal.

President Margaret Beddard then welcomed members, especially youngest member Kim and oldest member Dulcie who will be 90 years old in December.

Before the festivities began the president told members that the Shareshill Craft Group together with Shareshill Church hosted a Macmillan Coffee event which raised £405.20.

At the November 22 meeting, Kerri from Essington Craft Centre will demonstrate how to make a wreath from scraps of fabric.

The darts team are on a winning streak and have won their last three matches.

Eleven members had a lovely day at the Autumn Council Meeting when the speaker was Police Commissioner Matthew Ellis. After lunch Anne Diamond entertained with tales of her life as a journalist and television presenter.

Chairman Denise Moreton thanked the WI for the beautiful flower arrangements provided by Carol Hood and then announced she was standing down after 10 years in office. She was given a standing ovation.

The beautiful celebration cake was provided by longest-serving member of 58 years Margaret Matthews who was unable to attend as she was in hospital recovering from a fall.

Advice on winter hanging baskets

Bilbrook WI

THE October meeting was opened as usual with Jerusalem and president Julie welcomed members and visitors.

After correspondence and information on the Christmas dinner at Essington Fruit Farm, Julie introduced the speaker, Darren Rudge whose talk and demonstration was on winter hanging baskets.

He is a professional garden designer/landscape gardener, teacher, lecturer, demonstrator and speaker and has been in the gardening profession for more than 20 years.

Darren went on to demonstrate how to make a winter hanging basket and let the group in on one or two trade secrets.

The end result was a beautiful basket filled with lovely greenery, cyclamens and pansies. Darren donated the basket for the raffle and it was won by Pat Embrey.

The floor was then open to questions and answers and a vote of thanks was given by Ann Evans.

Speaker at the November 17 meeting will be Kasie Woods son 'Boots No.7'.

Ladies go potty for painting task

Wulfrunian Ladies WI

AFTER a hugely successful weekend at the Bantock Park 40s weekend, the committee was upbeat about the first subsequent meeting.

First, there was a huge thank you to all those who contributed to the 40s weekend.

Two ladies from the Haven centre for the care of women and children who were the victims of domestic violence, came to speak to members, explaining their work and explaining how the council's funding had been cut and asking us for any help in the way of toiletries which are given to women in welcome packs.

Donations of shampoo, shower gel, hand cream, toothbrushes etc are all very welcome. Their talk was extremely enlightening and how domestic abuse occurs across all barriers, age, race, classes and happens to one in four women. No one group is immune from abuse.

All members were given an opportunity to paint their own pottery. Janet Crook from Penguin Pottery brought blank unglazed pottery in several forms, Christmas decorations, small dishes and owl shapes among them which were then painted by freehand or removable transfers and stencils could be added, then taken away to be fired.

At the next meeting in November, the ladies will learn how to make fresh wreaths for Christmas.

Find the group on Facebook or follow on Twitter @WulfrunianWI

How to make it into Yellow Book

W'ton Flower Arrangement Club

WOLVERHAMPTON Flower Arrangement Club held its monthly meeting at Linden House, Tettenhall, on October 16.

Chairman Maureen Cooper welcomed members to an afternoon tea and a talk and film show by Graham and Judy White of Uttoxeter on 'How to Create a Garden for the National Garden Scheme'.

The talk tells of how the Whites and their three children created and developed their distinctive and intriguing garden and the rigorous assessment process of being accepted to the NGS and making it into the Yellow Book. Together with their next door neighbour they have raised £33,000.

The next meeting will be on November 20 and will feature a flower arrangement demonstration by Sharon Badger of Market Harborough entitled 'Winter Wonderland'.

Stories of WWI are given voices

CDs by Danny Farragher

Various Artists
Songs for the Voiceless

THE idea for this collection is simple, the artists found their inspirations from the people who fought, died and survived WWI, with profits going to the Poppy Appeal.

Theo Jones by Sean Cooney of the Young 'Uns sings about the Hartlepool headmaster who has the unenviable distinction of being the first British soldier killed on the UK mainland by the Germans and Good Luck to the Girl That Loves a Soldier is Bella hardy taking a woman's view of the war and using the work of musical hall artist Vesta Tilley as her inspiration.

Michael J Tinker captures some of the character of God-fearing soldier Charles Ball with his hymn-like and emotionally charged ballad. Ball was severely wounded at the Somme.

There is a cutting bonus track from Jon Boden – If You Want to See the General. Songs for the Voiceless is out now on Haystack Records.

The Willows
Amidst Fiery Skies

The second album for Cambridge five-piece "folkestra", The Willows, is a glorious collection of traditional music fronted by the incredible voice of Jade Rhiannon.

Opener, Red Sands, gives a feel of how sailors of legend felt when they encountered Sirens; it is just so easy to fall under the spell of her tones.

There is Americana with Shores; bluegrass with Good Loving Trail and Celtic style with the up tempo Daughter.

On the final track there is the onomatopoeic opening of Wave where you get a classical feel from the fiddle as Rhiannon's voice rides in over the top of the banjo, like a gull skimming the waves. Amidst Fiery Skies is out on Elk Records.

Mike Vass
In the Wake of Neil Gunn

Mix a nasty disease, a fairly obscure author and one multi-instrumentalist and what do you end up with? One permutation is Mike Vass' "concept" album.

While Scot Vass was in hospital with Lyme's Disease he was given Neil Gunn's book about a sailing trip in the 1930s, this inspired him to replicate it physically and musically.

This instrumental album isn't for folk or acoustic purists.

Vass' guitar on opener, Settled in Clay, produces a sense of the calm waters of Duntulm, Scotland and there is the clever use of sound throughout and on tracks such as Fused Dark.

This album is a very personal journey and it's possible many won't get it.

In the Wake of Neil Gunn is out now on Unroofed Records.

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Hats off to this top rate musical

Top Hat, Grand Theatre

HATS off to a top rate performance on the opening night of this delightful musical.

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre was packed to watch the classic Top Hat and they were in for a treat. And apart from a short technical hitch the cast was certainly Putting on the Ritz, bringing the glamour of Hollywood's golden age to the stage.

Yes the storyline may be a bit corny, and everyone who has seen the film, and even those who haven't, can guess at the happy ending. But that did not matter a jot as the music – a great job by the orchestra – and the dancing were superb.

Any fans following the current TV series of Strictly Come Dancing would have looked on in amazement as the dancers glided across the stage in stunning costumes – far more elegant than sequinned SCD lot.

All the cast gave 100 per cent with a superb performance by leads Jerry Travers, played by Alan Burkitt and Dale Tremont (Charlotte Gooch) but I must confess my favourite was the rather hard-done to Horace Hardwick (Clive Hayward) who always got things wrong but somehow got things right in the end.

The show runs until Saturday so go face the music and enjoy!

Sue Attwater

REVIEWS

Leo makes it up when list is lost

Leo & Anto
Slade Rooms, Wolves

"WE will just have to make it up as we go along," announced Anthony Thistlethwaite after a colourful exclamation from Galway man Leo Moran that the set list was missing.

That set the tone for a very relaxed affair which bordered on the haphazard.

After the opener of Same Oul Town the discovery led to a lot of whispering between the duo, as they discussed what to play, and loud prompting from the packed crowd.

The stripped down versions of the Saw Doctors songs saw Leo providing the majority of the lyrics and Anto showing his versatility on an impressive range of instruments.

In between tracks such as Tell Me Who the Villains Are and Friday Town there was a lot of banter including the most protracted and dullest story of meeting Bob Dylan from Anto, .

They gave the crowd what they wanted with songs such as First Love, Galway & Mayo and Clare Island.

Danny Farragher

Colourful cast with all the Disney favourites

Sparkling Disney show is just magic

Disney On ice, 100 Years of Magic, Birmingham NIA

THEY sparkled, danced and sang – and that was just the audience at the Disney On Ice 100 Years of Magic show

The opening night at Birmingham's NIA was packed, not bad for a 'school night'. And the youngsters, many dressed in Disney costumes, lapped it up.

All the favourites were there and launching proceedings was the loveable Goofy. He talked us through a fun-packed programme of Disney characters and their routines although the current Frozen unfortunately was not featured – maybe next year. From the delights of Aladdin, Nemo, Beauty and the Beast and an array of princesses the show was fun packed. There were touching scenes with Minnie and Mickey and a power show by the flexible Incredibles.

The effects were, needless to say, stunning and the audience were happy to sing along to all the songs, children and adults alike. A very enjoyable night and the little ones left tired but very happy. It runs until Sunday so try to catch it.

Sue Attwater

Blues-soul veterans rock Robin

Steve Cropper and The Animals, Robin 2, Bilston

THIS union of 1960s British blues veterans and US soul guitar icon, on a return to the Black Country venue, was a special night for music fans with long memories.

Original drummer with the Geordie bluesbusters John Steel assembled a first rate band, including keys man Mickey Gallagher, stalwart of both The Animals and The Blockheads, plus superlative singer/guitarist Danny Handley and rock solid bassist Scott Whitley.

They did justice to such classics as We Gotta Get Out Of This Place, Bring It On Home To Me, Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood and House Of The Rising Sun.

Then the Stax Records guitar great and last of Booker T's MGs joined them to play licks from songs he co-wrote with Wilson Picket, Otis Redding and Eddie Floyd. Portly, avuncular 'Colonel' Cropper regaled us with anecdotes and was enjoying himself as much as the fans. It ended with Soul Man and Boom Boom — they rocked the room.

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Noel is so surreal and Miranda Sings

STAND up and be counted among the comedy fans.

Noel Fielding from The Mighty Boosh and Never Mind The Buzzcocks goes on surreal flights of fancy at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tonight (Thursday), while over at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre Geordie comedian Ross Noble performs his Tangentleman show tomorrow and Saturday.

Al Murray brings his Pub Landlord for another round in One Man One Guvnor at the New Alexandra on Sunday.

YouTube sensation Miranda Sings (aka Colleen Ballinger, who will be her own support act) is at the Wulfrun Hall on Wednesday, the same night Hebburn creator Jason Cook is at the Slade Rooms.

Supergroup bring Gravitas to venue

SUPERGROUP Asia have returned with a new album, Gravitas. Legendary rock drummer Carl Palmer, singer-bassist John Wetton and keyboardist Geoff Downes will be joined by Bromsgrove-born guitarist Sam Coulson at the Wulfrun Hall on Saturday.

That's the same night that Black Country band Mothers Worry have their reunion at Bilston's Robin 2 and Counting Crows play Birmingham O2 Academy with Bombay Bicycle Club collaborator Lucy Rose. Also, X Factor star and former Brum music student Rhydian sings at Birmingham Town Hall.

Paolo Nutini is at the LG Arena on Wednesday.

Dinner conversation uncovers a deadly conspiracy in thriller

A CHANCE remark at a dinner party exposes a conspiracy in JB Priestley's play Dangerous Corner, staged at Birmingham Rep from Monday to Saturday.

Directed by Michael Attenborough, this new production will feature Michael Praed, who is still fondly remembered as TV's Robin of Sherwood, and Colin Buchanan, who was DI Pascoe in TV series Dalziel and Pascoe.

From the writer of the classic An Inspector Calls, Dangerous Corner is a mystery that sees dinner guests take a fresh look at the events surrounding a recent death.

The strong ensemble cast also includes Kim Thomson, who was Faye Lamb in Emmerdale, Downton Abbey footman Matt Milne, Lauren Drummond from Waterloo Road and Finty Williams, the Gosford Park actress and daughter of Dame Judi Dench.

The war poets of the First World War are portrayed on stage in Regeneration at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

Olivier Award winning playwright Nicholas Wright has adapted Pat Barker's Booker nominated novel for the stage, a war story in which the battles rage in the minds of men devastated by their experience of the horrors.

Birmingham Rep's acclaimed production of John Steinbeck's Of Mice And Men continues at the Centenary Square theatre until Saturday in the main house, whilst Dame Janet Suzman plays opposite young Khayalethu Anthony in Lara Foot's Solomon And Marion at The Studio at The Rep.

Praed and Buchanan in Dangerous Corner

Actor Edward Petherbridge suffered a stroke whilst preparing for the role of King Lear in 2007 yet, remarkably, he could remember every line.

Petherbridge features with Paul Hunter in My Perfect Mind, a poignant and comic exploration of human resilience at The Door at The Rep from Tuesday to Saturday.

Fans can rely on Paloma

PALOMA Faith brings her glamorous take on R&B to the West Midlands next month and has already planned a return in spring.

The Hackney songstress got 2014 off to a flying start with third album A Perfect Contradiction and her Pharrell Williams' produced hit Can't Rely On You. She had a star turn at the Proms, appeared at summer festivals and featured in the BBC's star-studded God Only Knows song and video.

Paloma has repackaged her album asThe Outsiders Edition with extra tracks including new single Ready For The Good Life, plus a recording of her concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Only Love Can Hurt Like This singer has sold out Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on November 11 and plays Wolverhampton Civic Hall on November 22. She's back to play the NIA (Barlclaycard Arena, as it will be then) on March 19.

Paloma Faith, with canine companion, has three concerts coming up in the West Midlands

Russians bringing Ring Cycle to city

BIRMINGHAM Hippodrome undertake a massive opera event with the staging of Wagner's epic Ring Cycle in its entirety next week.

The four operas based on Norse sagas, including the story of the hero Siegfried and his Valkyrie lover Brunnhilde, will be conducted by Valery Gergiev with his world-famous Mariinsky Opera. It will bring more than 250 artists from St Petersburg to Birmingham with ten trucks of scenery.

There will be four performances over five nights on November 5, 6, 8 and 9 — plus a host of associated events under the umbrella title Ringside, see www.birminghamhippodrome.com website. The cast will include Sir Willard White.

Merry and Kerry in comedy plays

COMEDY rules at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre where Su Pollard and Cannon & Ball feature in Ha Ha Hood tonight (Thursday). Then the Hollywood view of Ireland clashes with reality in Kerry comedy Stones In His Pockets on Monday.

The comedy veterans team up with Ben Langley as Robin Hood, Prince of Leaves, in a mix of panto and sketch show.

Stones In His Pockets blends comedy and tragedy when a movie crew's arrival in a small Irish community has unforeseen results. Two actors play dozens of roles in the play, which was a hit on Broadway.

CHOICE

Patrick Robinson

Casualty (BBC1, 9pm)
It's football derby day in Holby and the fans are getting in the mood with a few pints in the pub – and before long a fight breaks out, requiring the paramedics to be called out. The ED staff are kept on their toes, however, when the violence spills over into the hospital. Meanwhile, a young woman injured at the pub is hiding something from her fiance, Ash struggles to cope under pressure and Dixie continues to grieve for Jeff. Rita's promotion is announced to the team, and Mac makes a decision about his career. Guest starring Antony Costa (Blue) and former Bill regular Simon Rouse alongside Charles Dale, Lee Mead, Jane Hazlegrove, Patrick Robinson, Chloe Howman, Sunetra Sarker.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. **4.00** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. It's Halloween at Strictly, which means a hair-raising spectacular as the 11 remaining dancing couples perform their spookiest routines, with the fearsome foursome of Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell deciding who was frightfully good and who was awfully bad. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present all the fun. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

8.15 Doctor Who. Part one of two. The Doctor finally comes face to face with Missy in the mysterious world of the Nethersphere, where plans have been drawn up and an impossible choice is looming.

9.00 Casualty. It's football derby day in Holby and the fans are getting in the mood with a few pints in the pub – and before long a fight breaks out, requiring the paramedics to be called out. The ED staff are kept on their toes, however, when the violence spills over into the hospital. Meanwhile, a young woman injured at the pub is hiding something from her fiance, Ash struggles to cope under pressure and Dixie continues to grieve for Jeff. Rita's promotion is announced to the team, and Mac makes a decision about his career. Guest starring Antony Costa (Blue) and former Bill regular Simon Rouse.

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin is joined by singer Sheryl Crow as she reveal the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents action from the latest Premier League fixtures, featuring Newcastle United v Liverpool at St James' Park and Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.15 Film:** The Scarlet Thread. (1951) **7.30 Film:** The Quick Gun. (1964) **9.00** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **9.50** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **10.40** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.30** Puttin' on the Ritz: The Genius of Fred Astaire. (R) **12.45 Film:** That's Entertainment Part Two. (1976) **2.45 Film:** Show Boat. (1951) **4.30** The Great Interior Design Challenge. (R) **5.30** Flog It!

6.30 Gardeners' World. The horticultural advice series concludes as Monty Don takes stock of his year at Longmeadow, and Carol Klein celebrates the virtues of the wildlife hedge. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Restoring England's Heritage. Historian Tom Holland visits three important sites on the English Heritage "at-risk" list in the south of England, including a hospital built in memory of an explorer.

7.30 The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal. Thomas Asbridge examines the life and times of William Marshal, an English soldier and statesman who served four kings of England in the 12th and 13th centuries. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring seizes the chance to contribute to the war effort by guarding a captured German U-boat crew. Guest starring Philip Madoc. (R)

9.00 Frankenstein and the Vampyre – A Dark and Stormy Night. Docu-drama examining the origins of the classic horror characters, when Lord Byron, Mary and Percy Bysshe Shelley and friends gathered to tell ghost stories in 1816.

10.00 Formula 1: United States Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights. The key moments from the battle for pole position at the United States Grand Prix, the 17th round of the campaign, held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

11.15 QI XL. Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies take part as host Stephen Fry asks a range of fiendish questions about lenses, lungs and legs.

12.00 TOTP2: Halloween Special. (R) **1.00 Film:** Silkwood. (1983) **3.05** This Is BBC Two. **4.30** Rugby League: Four Nations.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories; Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** The Munch Box. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News. **11.25** Storage Hoarders. (R) **12.25** Surprise Surprise. (R) **1.25** The Unforgettable Sid James. (R) **2.00** Doc Martin. (R) **3.00** Keep It in the Family. (R) **4.00 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. (2008) Fantasy adventure sequel.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a selection of videos filmed by viewers, featuring memorable pregnancy reactions, a dog ruining a living room, and a grandmother performing a striptease.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Coronation Street actress Kym Marsh, relationship expert Tracey Cox, choreographer Louie Spence and former tennis star Greg Rusedski take on a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.

8.00 The X Factor. The remaining acts get into the Halloween spirit for Fright Night, a show that's almost certain to include Michael Jackson's Thriller, but also a few unexpected song choices to keep things interesting. It's now the fourth week of the live shows and the contestants are facing increasing pressure to raise their game and impress with note-perfect performances. Host Dermot O'Leary will be on hand to keep a cool head and act as a calming influence as the judges – Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh – give their verdicts and defend their own categories. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. With actress Keira Knightley, Have I Got News for You regular Paul Merton, former rugby star Gareth Thomas, Great British Bake Off judge Paul Hollywood and pop trio London Grammar.

11.05 ITV News; Weather.

11.20 Film: Bloody Sunday. (2002)

1.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

7.00 Cycling: Revolution Series. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Wetherby and Down Royal. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Come Dine with Me. Businesswoman Sarah Freeman hosts the final dinner party from Dudley, West Midlands, and hopes to impress her guests with a Moroccan menu. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.05 Speed with Guy Martin. The motorcycle racer teams up with endurance expert Jason Miles to find out how far it is possible to travel on a tandem during 24 hours of non-stop pedalling. (R)

8.00 Walking Through History: Victoria and Albert's Highland Fling. Tony Robinson visits the Cairngorms National Park to discover how Queen Victoria and Prince Albert helped shape Scottish traditions and imagery, such as tartan, bagpipes and caber-tossing. Starting in Pitlochry, he traverses the Killiecrankie Pass, where the Jacobites won the Battle of Killiecrankie, and ends his trek at Balmoral and the fantasy castle Albert built as his and Victoria's Highland escape.

9.00 Film: Red. (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt and realises something in his past has made him a target. He sets out to reunite the members of his old hit squad to find out who is trying to kill them and why, but in the process, uncovers dangerous secrets. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.

11.10 Film: Babylon AD. (2008) A mercenary escorts a girl from post-apocalyptic Russia to New York, unaware she holds the key to mankind's salvation. Sci-fi adventure, starring Vin Diesel.

12.55 Rude Tube. (R) **1.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **3.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.50** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R) **5.45** NFL: The American Football Show. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Access. **10.50** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **11.50** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **12.50** Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy. (R) **1.50 Film:** A Christmas Visitor. (2002) Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak. **3.35 Film:** A Carol Christmas. (2003) Festive comedy drama, starring Tori Spelling. **5.15 Film:** The Town Christmas Forgot. (2010) Drama, starring Lauren Holly.

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 Marilyn Monroe: The Missing Evidence. Investigating the evidence that supports some of the world's most notorious conspiracy theories. Though she officially committed suicide, some people have long claimed that the FBI, the Mafia and even the Kennedy family may have been involved in Marilyn Monroe's death. This programme looks at some of these claims, and also reveals the contents of tape recordings made inside Monroe's house on the fateful day of August 5, 1962, which suggest her psychiatrist may have been responsible for her death, working under pressure from eminent individuals in high places. (R)

8.05 World War II in Colour. Hitler's disastrous invasion of the Soviet Union, during which the previously undefeated German forces were destroyed by the apparently endless resources of Stalin's war machine. (R)

9.00 Gotham. A corrupt businessman, released on bail, instructs his lawyers to bribe his way out of trouble using the proceeds of his illicit activities. Later, a masked balloon seller snaps a handcuff on him and he floats skywards to his death. Gordon and Bullock try to track down the vigilante, while Selina attempts to escape, and Oswald Cobblepot returns to Gotham. Comic-book thriller, starring Donal Logue and Ben McKenzie. (R)

10.00 Film: The New Daughter. (2009) Premiere. A writer uncovers the dark history of his house to find a way to save his daughter from the evil spirits possessing her. Horror, starring Kevin Costner.

12.05 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Da Vinci Code: The True Story. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Sherlock **10.30** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Family Guy **1.40** The Revolution Will Be Televised **2.10** Bad Education **3.10** Bad Education: The Finale **3.40** Jenny Bede: AAA **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Land of the Lost Wolves **8.00** Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.35** Country at the BBC **12.05** Land of the Lost Wolves **1.05** Sounds of the Eighties **1.35** Top of the Pops: 1979 **2.05** Classic Albums **2.55** Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession **3.55** Close

ITV2
11.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Best of the Bush **12.45** You've Been Framed! **1.50 Film:** Honey (2003) **3.45 Film:** The Little Vampire (2000) **5.40 Film:** Casper (1995) **7.35 Film:** Back to the Future Part III (1990) **10.00** The Xtra Factor **11.00** Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special **11.45** The Job Lot **12.15** The X Factor **2.15** Fake Reaction **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
1.20 A Touch of Frost **3.35** Inspector Morse **5.55** Endeavour **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.45 World Rally Championship Highlights **12.45** Darts: The Masters Live. Coverage of the afternoon session on day one. **5.00** Storage Wars **7.00** Darts: The Masters Live. All the action from the evening session on day one. **11.00 Film:** Death Race (2008) **1.10** River Monsters: Untold Stories **2.15** Cheers **2.40** Movies Now **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
3.40 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Footloose (1984) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **11.40** The Inbetweeners **12.10** How I Met Your Mother **1.10** New Girl **1.40** The New Normal **2.10** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.05** The Cleveland Show **3.50** Being Erica **4.35** Smallville

Film4
11.00 The Long Memory (1952) **1.00** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **2.40** Marmaduke (2010) **4.30** Mad Money (2008) **6.35** Water for Elephants (2011) **9.00** Red Lights (2012) **11.15** The Evil Dead (1982) **1.00** Gozu (2003) **3.45** Close

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Downton Abbey (ITV, 9pm)
Secrets could be exposed as Rosamund arrives at Downton following Edith's shock departure. Rose is delighted to introduce Atticus and his parents to the Abbey, while Anna and Bates start thinking about a fresh start, now that the worst of their problems are seemingly behind them. Molesley is concerned to see Daisy becoming disillusioned with her studies, and Isobel makes a happy announcement, but there may be trouble on the horizon. Violet has her hands full with her warring servants, while Mary and Blake seize an opportunity to send Gillingham a strong message. Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter, Raquel Cassidy, Brendan Coyle, Tom Cullen, Sophie McShera, Kevin Doyle and Joanne Froggatt.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. (R) **2.45** Lost Treasures of the Sikh Kingdom. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Life Story. (R) **5.50** BBC News.

6.20 Countryfile. The team reports from the Isle of Wight, where Matt Baker takes a stroll along Ryde Pier, the oldest in the UK, and witnesses its ongoing restoration work. Ellie Harrison visits Osborne House, Queen Victoria's home on the island, appreciating Prince Albert's love of horticulture and in particular the trees he planted throughout the gardens, before heading to the private beach that the royal couple frequented. Plus, former farmer and trained butcher Gareth Barlow meets a women campaigning about the virtues of eating beef, Adam Henson meets a young farmer putting his own take on the poppy and Tom Heap investigates claims that education reforms could put school farms under threat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Annie Lennox provides the music.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the second of two programmes from the Somme battlefields, in which she and the experts are joined by families with stories of courage and humanity in wartime.

9.00 Death in Paradise. Drama about a fish-out-of-water British detective solving murders on the Caribbean island of Saint Marie. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Formula 1: United States Grand Prix – Highlights. Suzi Perry introduces action from the United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, where the 17th round of the campaign took place.

12.00 The Apprentice. (R) **1.00 Film:** Girl from Rio. (2001) **2.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.40** BBC News.

BBC2

7.30 Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.20** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **1.20 Film:** Waterloo. (1970) Drama, starring Rod Steiger. **3.30** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **4.00** Inside the Animal Mind. (R) **5.00** Rugby League: Four Nations Highlights.

6.00 Britain's Classroom Heroes 2014. Dan Snow hosts the awards ceremony honouring the nation's teachers at London's Guildhall, with guests including Prime Minister David Cameron, comedienne and actress Catherine Tate, chef Ainsley Harriott and gymnast and former Strictly Come Dancing winner Louis Smith. There is also a performance by the cast of award-winning musical Billy Elliot.

7.00 Human Universe. Professor Brian Cox explores how innate human curiosity has led mankind to realise its true place in space and time, appreciating that Earth is not at the centre of all things. (R)

8.00 Wonders of the Monsoon. Exploring the relationship that has developed over thousands of years between the people who live in monsoon regions and the wildlife they share them with. Last in the series.

9.00 Afghanistan: The Lion's Last Roar? The concluding part examines Britain's attempts to extricate itself from the war and asks whether the nation will have the desire to commit troops to such conflicts in the future.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. A review of the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium and Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur at Villa Park.

11.05 Russell Howard's Good News. The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print. A special guest also makes an appearance. (R)

11.35 The Fall. Gibson revisits the Sarah Kay crime scene with Reed Smith and discovers a potential new lead, while Spector's boss questions him about his visit to Liz Tyler. (R)

12.35 The Fall. (R) **1.35** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.40 Film:** Carry On Jack. (1963) **1.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.30** The X Factor. (R) **4.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.30** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Keep It in the Family. Pop supergroup McBusted are this week's star assistants as two families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts.

8.00 The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes. Plus, performances by some of the biggest names in the charts.

9.00 Downton Abbey. Secrets could be exposed as Rosamund arrives at Downton following Edith's shock departure. Rose is delighted to introduce Atticus and his parents to the Abbey, while Anna and Bates start thinking about a fresh start, now that the worst of their problems are seemingly behind them. Molesley is concerned to see Daisy becoming disillusioned with her studies, and Isobel makes a happy announcement, but there may be trouble on the horizon. Violet has her hands full with her warring servants, while Mary and Blake seize an opportunity to send Gillingham a strong message.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.25 Harry's South Pole Heroes. Part two of two. Following their intensive training programme, Prince Harry and the injured soldiers embark on their South Pole expedition, but extreme conditions take their toll. (R)

11.25 LV= Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the opening pool matches in this season's competition, including Saracens v Harlequins.

12.15 The Store. **2.20** Motorsport UK. **3.10** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.40 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons: Bart. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons: Lisa. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons: Moe. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons: Marge. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons: The Rolling Stones. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons: Mr Burns. (R) **3.25** The Simpsons: Ned. (R) **3.55** The Simpsons: Maggie. (R) **4.20** The Simpsons: Homer. (R) **4.50 Film:** The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy.

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 WWI's Forgotten Soldiers: Secret History. Former Royal Marines commando Arthur Williams embarks on a journey to explore the experiences of nearly two million British soldiers who suffered life-changing injuries and disabilities during the First World War. Largely forgotten or ignored after the conflict, these amputees and disfigured servicemen fought for recognition, respect and equality and many became pioneers who helped to transform the nation's attitude toward disability. Arthur reflects on the hard challenges they faced and draws comparisons with his own story, having become paralysed from the waist down in a car accident in 2007.

8.00 Speed with Guy Martin. The motorcycle racer heads to Colorado, where he hopes to win one of America's oldest races, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, which ends more than 13,000ft above sea level.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie receives a tip from Redmond regarding Quinn's lead, Saul calls in a favour with an old friend in the Pakistani military and Fara uncovers a deep-rooted conspiracy.

10.00 Film: Shame. (2011) Premiere. A sex addict's carefully ordered life starts to fall apart when he is reunited with his equally troubled sister. Drama, starring Michael Fassbender and Carey Mulligan.

11.55 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by X Factor host Dermot O'Leary, Hollywood actor Elijah Wood, supermodel Naomi Campbell and Paloma Faith, performing her latest single. (R)

12.50 The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** American Football Live. **4.45** NFL: Rush Zone.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Seaside Antics. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Wanda and the Alien. **8.40** Zack and Quack. **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.50 Film:** The Ghost of Greville Lodge. (2000) Supernatural family drama, starring George Cole. **3.35 Film:** The Canterville Ghost. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart. **5.25 Film:** The Witches. (1990) Children's fantasy, starring Anjelica Huston.

7.10 5 News Weekend.

7.15 Film: Beetlejuice. (1988) Recently deceased couple Adam and Barbara Maitland enlist the professional services of a hard-boiled veteran ghost to scare away the obnoxious yuppie family who have moved into their former home. Tim Burton's supernatural comedy, starring Michael Keaton, Geena Davis, Alec Baldwin, Winona Ryder, Jeffrey Jones and Catherine O'Hara. Edited for language.

9.00 Film: The Cabin in the Woods. (2011) Premiere. Five students staying in an isolated house deep in a forest discover an ancient book that summons up supernatural creatures. As they defend themselves from the forces they have unleashed, they discover something far stranger and far more dangerous is going on behind the scenes. Horror, starring Kristen Connolly and Chris Hemsworth.

10.50 Film: Piranha. (2010) An underwater tremor unleashes a horde of carnivorous prehistoric fish on a seaside resort in the middle of spring break. Horror remake, starring Elisabeth Shue and Jerry O'Connell.

12.30 Campus PD. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Doctor Who **8.15 Film:** Shanghai Noon (2000) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Life Is Toff **11.15** American Dad! **12.00 Film:** Drive (2011) **1.30** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.00** The Revolution Will Be Televised **2.30** Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents **3.30** Life Is Toff **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Timeshift: The Ladybird Books Story – How Britain Got the Reading Bug **8.00** The Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction **8.30** The Secret Life of Books **9.00** Exposed: Magicians, Psychics & Frauds – Storyville **10.25 Film:** Come As You Are (2011) **12.10** Classic Albums Special **1.05** Goth at the BBC **2.05** John Denver at Wembley Arena **2.50** Timeshift: The Ladybird Books Story – How Britain Got the Reading Bug **3.45** Close

ITV2
1.05 The Xtra Factor **2.10** Rixton: The Hot Desk **2.20** Totally You've Been Framed! **3.20** You've Been Framed! **3.50 Film:** Valiant (2005) **5.25 Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.05** Tricked **11.05 Film:** The 40 Year-Old Virgin (2005) **1.20** Dads **2.10** Two and a Half Men **2.50** Teleshopping

ITV3
2.25 Wycliffe **3.30 Film:** Columbo: Double Exposure (1973) **5.05** Lewis **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.05** William and Mary **2.00** Judge Judy **3.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4
12.45 Darts: The Masters Live. **4.55** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **5.55** Eric Bristow: Sports Life Stories **7.00** Darts: The Masters Live. **11.00 Film:** Driven (2001) **1.20** Highway Patrol **1.50** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
2.00 Film: Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **3.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.00** Troy **5.00** Melissa & Joey **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) **11.10** The Inbetweeners **11.40** Drifters **12.15** Rude Tube: Mashed 'n' Mixed **1.20** Glue **2.20** Rules of Engagement **3.10** Hollyoaks

Film4
1.00 The Parent Trap (1998) **3.30** The Iron Giant (1999) **5.10** The Wizard of Oz (1939) **7.15** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **9.00** The Departed (2006) **12.00** In Another Country (2012) **1.50** Sleuth (2007) **3.40** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Once Upon a Time in Mexico, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A crazed CIA agent based in Mexico learns of a conspiracy involving a drug baron and a military general to assassinate the president. He finds the perfect man to prevent the coup in the shape of a legendary gunslinger, who is seeking revenge on the general for murdering his wife. Action thriller, concluding Robert Rodriguez's El Mariachi trilogy, starring Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Mickey Rourke and Salma Hayek. (2003)

TUESDAY
In the Valley of Elah, BBC1, 11.40pm
A retired military investigator's soldier son disappears without trace shortly after returning from Iraq. Frustrated at the police and the army's lack of progress in solving the case, he begins to suspect a cover-up and enlists the aid of a small-town detective in uncovering the truth. Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron and Susan Sarandon. (2007)

American Gangster, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY
Away from Her, BBC1, 11.45pm
An elderly woman with Alzheimer's disease is adamant she will move into a care home to spare her husband of 50 years the burden of looking after her. Sadly, this leaves him in the heartbreaking position of having to watch helplessly as his beloved wife slips away from him. Drama, based on a short story by Alice Munro, starring Gordon Pinsent, Julie Christie, Olympia Dukakis and Alberta Watson. (2006)

THURSDAY
Badge of Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman discovers her supposedly dead son is still alive, his demise having been faked by her ex-husband as part of an elaborate plot to destroy her life. However, finding the evidence to prove her story turns out to be a difficult challenge. Thriller, starring Julie Benz, Matthew Kevin Anderson and Samantha Ferris. (2014)

FRIDAY
American Gangster, ITV, 10.40pm
The story of 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas, whose innovative methods of smuggling heroin into the US made him one of the leading figures in the New York underworld. A detective is assigned to bring Lucas's empire down, but his investigation is undermined by police corruption. Ridley Scott's fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington. (2007)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Celebs aim not to fright on a spooky dance night

We've been treated to some extraordinary sights so far this series – from EastEnder Jake Wood salsa-ing up a storm to Judy Murray literally flinging herself into Anton du Beke's arms during a surprisingly forceful tango.

And that's without even mentioning Movie Week when Mark Wright got be Superman, Scott Mills was transformed into a crab, and Claudia Winkleman threw popcorn into Tess Daly's cleavage.

But it seems that was all just a warm-up for tonight's Halloween extravaganza, the show when the make-up and costume departments can really let their imaginations run riot.

Of course, for many of the celebs, every Saturday night so far has been fright night as they try to conquer their nerves and perform in front of millions people. Even the stars you might expect to be used to shaking their stuff in public – like pop star Pixie Lott – admit that Strictly is a whole new experience.

She says: "[The judges] make me nervous! I think they're all great in their own way. My favourite is Darcey Bussell. She's the only ballerina I'd heard of as a young girl. Ballet's such a discipline – she got to the top of her game, which is amazing."

Wood, better known to soap fans as Max Branning, may seem surprisingly at home on the dancefloor, whether he's doing a moody waltz or channelling Elvis in a jive, but he says it's all new to him as well. "I tend not to even dance at a party but I do sometimes dance at home when I'm mucking about with the kids."

Luckily, that hasn't stopped him enjoying the experience. "It's something that's completely out of my comfort zone and I like a challenge. It's such a great Saturday night show and my family always sits down and watches it together so I'm really happy to be involved and I think my kids will really enjoy watching me take part."

It seems likely the 11 remaining stars will be taken even further out of their comfort zones this week, as the professional dancers wrack their brains for more supernatural-themed songs. (In previous years, we've been treated to a Ghostbusters cha cha from Sid Owen, Russell Grant doing the samba to Better the Devil You Know, and Mark Benton performing possibly the world's first intergalactic disco paso doble to I Lost My Heart to a Starship Trooper.)

And they'll still face the terrifying prospect of being judged by Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Bussell, although as TOWIE star Wright could tell you, even getting decent scores and encouraging comments can't always save you from that dreaded dance-off.

We'll have to wait for Sunday night to find out who's going home this week, and as an added incentive, the results show will also feature a performance by Annie Lennox. And if anyone's still searching for a Halloween tune, she did once have a hit with Love Song for a Vampire…

Strictly Come Dancing, Saturday, BBC1, 6.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Passing Bells
BBC1, 7pm
New series. Five-part drama being shown over five nights, in which the First World War unfolds through the eyes of two ordinary young men. Upon the outbreak of hostilities, farmer's son Michael and delivery boy Thomas both defy their parents and slip out to the recruitment office, alongside thousands of other men. After donning their uniforms – one British, one German – each set of parents struggles to cope with their sons' deceptions, before the new recruits set off for training, and while shy Tommy struggles to find his feet, Michael immediately begins to miss girlfriend Katie. Patrick Gibson and Jack Lowden star. Continues tomorrow.

TUESDAY
Live UEFA Champions League
ITV, 7.30pm
Real Madrid welcome Liverpool to the Bernabeu for this matchday four Group B fixture. This is the second meeting between the clubs in the space of a fortnight, and the odds are stacked against the Reds here given they suffered a 3-0 defeat at Anfield. Cristiano Ronaldo opened the scoring in typically brilliant fashion and Karim Benzema added two more in the opening 45 minutes. Much was made of Mario Balotelli's subdued performance that saw Brendan Rodgers substitute the striker at half time, but improvements are also needed in defence if the Merseysiders are to have a dramatic reversal in fortunes this evening against the classy defending champions. However, Liverpool did defeat Real 1-0 on their only previous visit to this ground in 2009, but Steven Gerrard and Martin Skrtel are the only survivors from that team, while Iker Casillas, Pepe and Sergio Ramos are the three remaining Madrid players.

WEDNESDAY
Great Continental Railway Journeys
BBC2, 9pm
Some celebrities' lives can be re-invented thanks to being in the right place at the right time. Michael Palin for example was considered an unlikely successor to Alan Whicker in the late Eighties when he went Around the World in 80 Days, and in recent years Michael Portillo's railway travels have made for compelling viewing also. Now, armed with his trusty Bradshaw's guide, he's off on the Eurostar to travel overseas and into the past. There he examines how life in Europe 100 years ago was changed forever by the advent of war. His first journey takes in Russia, a country which in 1913 was something of an enigma "poised between reform and revolution," explains Michael. His epic journey takes in Tula, Saint Petersburg and Moscow, among other places, and along the way he is taught how to wash.

Great Continental Railway Journeys, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

THURSDAY
Peaky Blinders
BBC2, 9pm
There may be the obvious comparisons with Boardwalk Empire, and Cillian Murphy's Birmingham accent may take a little getting used to, but those niggles are tiny when you consider the stylish brilliance of Steven Knight's epic crime drama. With a top-drawer cast including Helen McCrory and Tom Hardy, series two has made for compelling viewing in recent weeks, and the latest episode is no exception. It's Derby Day at Epsom, and under orders from Major Campbell, Tommy is there to assassinate a high-ranking member of the military establishment. He plans turn the situation to his advantage by bringing his gang to the racecourse and striking a blow at gang boss Sabini – a scheme that could take his organisation to another level.

FRIDAY
Marvel's Agents of SHIELD
Channel 4, 8pm
Given the fact Marvel are now one of the most powerful entertainment companies on Earth, with TV shows such as this and pending small screen sagas Daredevil and Agent Carter, there's little wonder DC are fighting back with more helpings of Arrow, Gotham and The Flash. Can Agent Coulson and company win the lion's share of ratings? Well they're certainly going to have a good go with this latest run being the perfect teaser for next spring's blockbuster Avengers: Age of Ultron. This week Phil and the team attempt to utilise the freezing power of Donnie Gill, a lethal Morocco-based individual fans may remember from series one episode, Seeds. The problem is, Simmons is caught in the crossfire.

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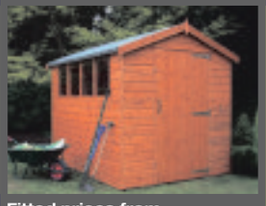
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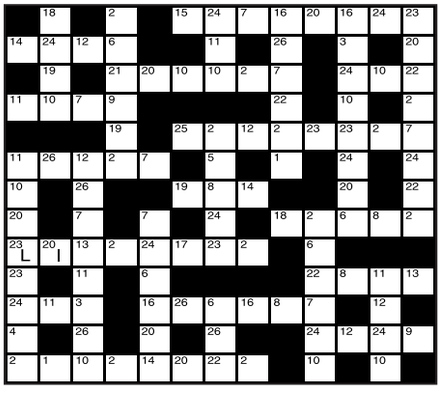

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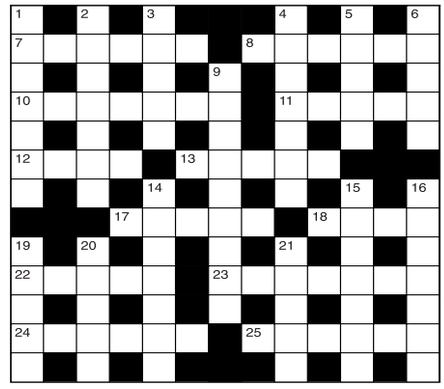

Cryptic Clues:

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8. See 18 Across
10 & 15Dn. Not money put down on a bottle of cordial! (7,7)
11. Leguminous food often taken by the doctor (5)
12. The sailors shouted in triumph (4)
13. Sounds like those who pay for stock buildings (5)
17. See 24 Across
18 & 8Ac. Is this used to sew camping equipment? (4-6)
22. That education is, in part, much out of favour (5)
23. I'm soon upset by the start of the evidence - it's disgusting (7)
24 & 17Ac. Another look - that's what the clairvoyant needs (6-5)
25. Your humble servant (6)

Down

1. Unpleasant expression of a sullen expert (7)
2. Textile worker in revolutionary movement? (7)
3. Using a bit of stuff I break the thread (5)
4. Fastens down a broken plate in the ship (7)
5. See 20 Down
6. See 14 Down
9. Piece of stage property used by children (9)
14 & 6Dn. Screwing up the bed-cover - it goes round the body (7-5)
15. See 10 Across
16 & 19Dn. A competition for the highest position in the church? (12)
19. See 16 Down.
20 & 5Dn. Cattle even now quite unmoved (5-5)
21. School imposition for making rows! (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Not liable to (6)
8. Concealed (6)
10. Voter (7)
11. Poetry (5)
12. Close (4)
13. Brief (5)
17. Collision (5)
18. Thin (4)
22. Frock (5)
23. Avenge (7)
24. Devastate (6)
25. Bits (6)

Down

1. Opposite (7)
2. Income (7)
3. Grudge (5)
4. Transform (7)
5. Centre (5)
6. Guide (5)
9. Band (9)
14. Forebode (7)
15. Charm (7)
16. Concentrated (7)
19. Worship (5)
20. Weighty (5)
21. Furnish (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	2	7	6	9	1	5	3	8
1	3	9	7	5	8	4	6	2
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7	5	8	4	6	9	3	2	1
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5	6	4	9	1	7	2	8	3
8	9	2	5	3	6	1	7	4
3	7	1	8	2	4	6	5	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Relic; 4 Bottles; 8 Made man; 9 Rogue; 10 Need; 11 Medicine; 13 Pomp; 14 Luce; 16 Elephant; 17 Self; 20 Agent; 21 Mandate; 22 Stencil; 23 Press. Down: 1 Roman numerals; 2 Lodge; 3 Camp; 4 Banker; 5 Terminus; 6 Lignite; 7 Scene-shifters; 12 Emphatic; 13 Precede; 15 Enamel; 18 Erase; 19 Snap. QUICK - Across: 1 Flood; 4 Decline; 8 Unclasp; 9 Level; 10 Torn; 11 Stealing; 13 Earl; 14 Else; 16 Slanders; 17 Main; 20 Evade; 21 Overdue; 22 Sweater; 23 Strut. Down: 1 Faultlessness; 2 Occur; 3 Dead; 4 Deputy; 5 Culpable; 6 Invoice; 7 Enlightenment; 12 Gradient; 13 Emanate; 15 Ardour; 18 Adder; 19 Less.

Quiz

1. Which planet features the Great Red Spot?
2. How are the Nicaraguan right-wing guerrillas known?
3. Which element is named after the Greek for violet?
4. Which former PM secured the release of three hostages in Iraq?
5. How many parts comprise the book Gulliver's Travels?
6. Of which Dickens novel is Pip the central character?
7. What is the Italian word for 'scratched drawings'?
8. In which city is Holyrood House?
9. How many yards are there in a furlong?
10. In Greek legend, who cut the Gordian Knot?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Zoltan Kodaly; 2 Jamestown; 3 Sweden and Denmark; 4 Winston Churchill; 5 Backbone; 6 Lyon; 7 I Ching 8 Frank Herbert; 9 Zimbabwe; 10 Pancreas.

Niner: INTERLOCK

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

983 gives an animal,
23576 gives a bird,
1459366 gives another bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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COVEN, BREWOOD ROAD £250,000

"A SHOW HOME STYLED MODERN DETACHED HIGHLY DECEPTIVE BUNGALOW REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE" Comprising lounge, dining kitchen with integrated appliances, 2 bedrooms one with en suite w.c, shower room with adjoining utility, electric secured gated off road parking, rear garden & detached garage. Energy rating C.

WESTCROFT, OLD HAMPTON LANE £375,000

NEW PRICE

"SET IN AN EXCLUSIVE CUL-DE-SAC THIS DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERS FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION WITH 3/5 BEDROOMS●" Comprising utility, cloaks wc, family living room, lounge/dining room, dining room/Bedroom Four, bathroom, en-suite, large front, side & rear gardens, double garage.Energy rating D.

TETTENHALL WOOD CHURCH ROAD £275,000

"SET BACK FROM THE MAIN ROAD, THIS CHARMING DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOME IS SITUATED IN THIS POPULAR LOCATION" Comprising porch, entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen breakfast room, three bedrooms, master en-suite & family bathroom, ample off road parking, detached garage, front & rear gardens. EPC Rating D

CALF HEATH, KINGS ROAD £230,000

"A WONDERFUL HIGHLY DECEPTIVE COTTAGE WITH REAR VIEWS OF CALF HEATH MARINA" This quaint home comprises lounge, dining room, sitting room, cottage storage kitchen, utility, two double bedrooms plus attic area, luxury bathroom, front & side secured gated parking, detached garage, two part garden. Energy rating F.

PERTON RICHMOND DRIVE £245,000

NEW

"THIS FOUR BEDROOM EXTENDED DETACHED FAMILY HOME IS SITUATED IN THE SOUGHT AFTER PERTON AREA" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs cloak, lounge, dining area, extended kitchen diner, four bedrooms, (master en suite) bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking & garage. Energy rating D.

CLAREGATE CODSALL ROAD £235,000

NEW

"THIS STUNNING TRADITIONAL FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME MUST BE VIEWED" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, large fitted kitchen, family bathroom, five bedrooms, garage, off road parking and rear garden. Energy rating E.

CLAREGATE CROSSLAND CRESCENT £210,000

"A DELIGHTFUL THREE BEDROOM EXTENDED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE TASTEFULLY PRESENTED & MUCH IMPROVED" Comprising porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, master en-suite & family bathroom, gravelled drive, garage (used on for storage), landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating E

PENDEFORD IVY CROFT £205,000

NEW

"POSITIONED IN THE PENDEFORD AREA THIS 4 BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY IS AN IDEAL FAMILY HOME" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking and garage. EPC Rating D

PERTON HEPWORTH CLOSE £190,000

"AN EXTENDED 4 BED DETACHED FAMILY HOME SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, lounge through diner, second reception room (former garage) kitchen, 4 bedrooms, family shower room, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

COSELEY WOODCROSS STREET £190,000

"A TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE" Briefly comprising lounge, dining room, further reception room, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms and first floor family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a part converted loft area, off-road parking and garden. EPC RATING E

FINCHFIELD THE SPINNEY £189,999

NEW

"THIS EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME IS SET IN THE POPULAR AREA OF FINCHFIELD" Comprising entrance porch, downstairs w.c, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

BRADMORE BIRCHES BARN ROAD £185,000

NEW

"THIS TRADITIONAL DOUBLE FRONTED FOUR BEDROOM FAMILY HOME BENEFITS FROM MANY ORIGINAL FEATURES" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, four bedrooms, bathroom and low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating TBC

TETTENHALL LOWER STREET £184,995

"THIS MODERN STYLE THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOME OF INDIVIDUAL DESIGNS BENEFITS FROM A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION IN THIS POPULAR LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, dining area, kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted family bathroom, off road parking, garage & pleasant rear garden. Energy rating E

CLAREGATE ALDERSLEY AVENUE £180,000

"A DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS CHAIN FREE THREE/FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOME SITUATED IN THIS POPULAR LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, reception room/office, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, sitting room/Bed 4 with en-suite, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking & rear garden. EPC Rating D

PENN COMMON SEDGLEY ROAD £179,950

"HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN THIS THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME IS SITUATED IN A POPULAR LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall open with dining area, extended lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, ample off road parking & landscaped rear garden. Energy rating E.

CLAREGATE ALDERSLEY AVENUE £170,000

"THIS GENEROUS SIZED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IS AN IDEAL FAMILY HOME" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, large conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & large rear gardens with off road parking and garage. Energy rating TBC.

WOMBOURNE HAZEL GROVE £169,950

NEW

This spacious mid terrace property has been refurbished to a high standard by the current owner with two reception rooms, FOUR BEDROOMS, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, larger than average rear garden with open views to rear. MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE THE STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION.

COMPTON MARCHANT ROAD £160,000

"A 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED TRADITIONAL HOME SITUATED IN THE COMPTON AREA OF WOLVERHAMPTON" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, lean too, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking & garage. EPC Rating E

GOLDTHORN PARK NEVILLE AVENUE £160,000

NEW

"SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION ON THIS POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA THIS EXTENDED 3 BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY IS AN IDEAL FAMILY HOME" Comprising hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining area, kitchen, utility area, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

ALDERSLEY ALDERSLEY AVENUE £150,000

NEW

"THIS TWO/THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW OFFERS SPACIOUS LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room/bedroom three, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking. Energy rating D.

PENN ALEXANDRA ROAD £150,000

"A CHAIN FREE WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM VICTORIAN MID TERRACE PROPERTY RETAINING MANY ORIGINAL FEATURES" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, second reception room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, three bedrooms, good size bathroom, generous rear garden. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. EPC Rating E

COMPTON AVENUE ROAD £149,999

"THIS FOUR/FIVE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE IS SET OVER THREE STOREYS " Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, upper floor having three bedrooms & bathroom, lower floor having two bedrooms & shower room. EPC Rating TBC

OXLEY OXLEY MOOR ROAD £149,999

NEW

"A THREE BEDROOM TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME OFFERING GENEROUS SIZE LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, large kitchen diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, remodernised bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking. Energy rating D.

BILBROOK LANE GREEN AVENUE £145,000

"SITUATED JUST OFF LANE GREEN ROAD, BILBROOK & IN A FANTASTIC CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION THIS THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IS OFFERED WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN" Comprising hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, garage & pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating TBC

BILSTON WRENBURY DRIVE £140,000

NEW

"AN IMMACULATELY PRESENTED & MODERN THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, downstairs w.c, three bedrooms (master en suite), family bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking & garage. Energy rating TBC.

PENDEFORD EMSWORTH CRESCENT £139,999

"THIS EXTENDED 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME IS SITUATED IN THE PENDERFORD AREA CLOSE TO THE NEW I54 DEVELOPMENT" Comprising porch, hall, downstairs wet room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking & further gated off road parking. EPC Rating TBC

PENDEFORD EMSWORTH CRESCENT £135,000

NEW

"A PLEASANTLY PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE POPULAR AREA OF PENDEFORD WITH EASY ACCESS TO THE I54 DEVELOPMENT" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs w.c, two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking.

PENDEFORD EMSWORTH CRESCENT £125,000

"THIS 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME IS SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen diner, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking & garage. Energy rating E.

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PENN SWAN BANK £130,000

NEW

"THIS 3 BEDROOM END TERRACED IDEAL FAMILY HOME IS SITUATED IN THE POPULAR PENN AREA OF WOLVERHAMPTON" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms & rear garden. EPC Rating TBC

COVEN LAWN LANE £129,999

"A DELIGHTFUL TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN THE SOUGHT AFTER COVEN AREA OF WOLVERHAMPTON" Comprising entrance hall, lounge diner, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, master bedroom en suite & dressing area, family bathroom, off road parking, gardens to front, side & rear.

PENDEFORD EASTNEY CRESCENT £115,000

NEW

"SITUATED IN THE POPULAR PENDEFORD AREA THIS 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IS AN IDEAL FAMILY HOME" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs refitted cloakroom, lounge, kitchen diner, 3 bedrooms, refitted bathroom, front 7 rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating TBC

WARSTONES CLAVERLEY DRIVE £99,950

NEW

"THIS THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME BENEFITS FROM NO UPWARD CHAIN" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

WOLVERHAMPTON HADEN HILL £84,999

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BILSTON BAYLISS CLOSE £84,950

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WESTCROFT, OLD HAMPTON LANE £375,000

"SET IN AN EXCLUSIVE CUL-DE-SAC THIS DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERS FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION WITH 3/5 BEDROOMS● " Comprising utility, cloaks wc, family living room, lounge/dining room, dining room/Bedroom Four, bathroom, en-suite, large front, side & rear gardens, double garage.Energy rating D.

WOLVERHAMPTON, NORTHYCOTE LANE £375,000

"THIS 3 BEDROOM DETACHED UNIQUE DESIRABLE HOME IS SET ON WELL OVER HALF AN ACRE OF LAND ADJOINING NORTHYCOTE FARM COUNTRY PARK" Comprising hall, lounge, dining & sitting room, kitchen, cloak, sauna & wet room, garden room/ utility, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & gated off road parking. Energy rating D.

SHARESHILL, SPIRES CROFT £335,000

SET IN THE SOUGHT AFTER VILLAGE OF SHARESHILL POPULAR FOR COMMUTERS, A MODERN FAMILY DETACHED HOME SET WITHIN AN EXCLUSIVE CUL-DE-SAC. Comprising wc, lounge, dining room, study, breakfast kitchen, utility, conservatory, gallery landing, four bedrooms, master en-suite, refitted bathroom, double garage. EPC Rating D

COVEN HEATH, STAFFORD ROAD £249,995

"NO UPWARD CHAIN! SET ON A LARGE PLOT WITH GENEROUS GARDENS & ORCHARD TO REAR, THIS DETACHED BUNGALOW REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE" Comprising lounge, dining kitchen, 25FT CONSERVATORY, 2 bedrooms, attic area, en suite, bathroom, off road parking, detached garage & wooden outbuildings to rear. Energy rating D.

WEDNESFIELD, WADDENS BROOK LANE £189,999

"READY AND AVAILABLE NOW! A SUPERB & BRAND NEW LUXURY DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED ON THE CORNER OF SILVERTON WAY" Comprising wc, lounge, 24ft open plan luxury dining kitchen, three generous bedrooms (master with dressing area potential & en-suite), bathroom, front, side & rear gardens, garage. Energy rating TBC.

WEDNESFIELD, VICTORIA ROAD £195,000

"A WONDERFUL DOUBLE FRONTED DETACHED PROPERTY" Briefly comprising ground floor wc, dining room, lounge, fitted kitchen, breakfast room, three bedrooms, large family bathroom, garage to side detached, detached garage to rear. The feature of this property being the large landscaped rear garden. Energy rating TBC.

MOSELEY PARKLANDS, WISTWOOD HAYES £149,995

"A WONDERFUL & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DETACHED RESIDENCE SET IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION" Comprising generous lounge, dining room/ sitting room, fitted kitchen, FEATURE CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, ample off road parking & pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E

WILLENHALL, SPINDLE TREE RISE £159,995

"THIS IDEAL FAMILY HOME IS AN IMPRESSIVE EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION" Comprising hall, cloakroom, lounge through diner, fitted kitchen, utility, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master en suite), bathroom, garage, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating C

FORDHOUSES GREENFIELD LANE £165,000

"THIS LINK DETACHED 3 BED PROPERTY IS SITUATED IN A POPULAR LOCATION CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR THE M54" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

WEDNESFIELD BLUEBELL CRESCENT £165,000

"SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION THIS EXTENDED 3 BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE" Comprising hall, lounge, diner, games/ reception room, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master en suite), bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

WEDNESFIELD LINTHOUSE LANE £159,999

"SET ON THE POPULAR LINTHOUSE LANE THIS HIGHLY DECEPTIVE CHAIN FREE SEMI DETACHED HOME REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE" Comprising lounge, generous open plan family living room, 19ft kitchen diner, three bedrooms & attic area, fitted bathroom, front & private rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating D

FALLINGS PARK HALLAM CRESCENT £150,000

"THIS MODERN DETACHED RESIDENCE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WEDNESFIELD & NEW CROSS HOSPITAL" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with separate utility, ground floor w.c, 3 bedrooms, fitted bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking & integrated garage & upper storage. EPC Rating C

BENTLEY BRIDGE DACE ROAD £150,000

"SITUATED ON THE POPULAR BENTLEY BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT THIS THREE STOREY TOWN HOUSE WITH GARAGE TO REAR OFFERS FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising ground floor w.c, fitted kitchen, lounge, 3 bedrooms & nursery/study, fitted bathroom, separate en suite, front & rear gardens with garage. EPC Rating C

FALLINGS PARK MANDALE ROAD £149,999

"THIS FANTASTIC THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IS SITUATED ON A GENEROUS CORNER PLOT WITH DETACHED GARAGE TO REAR. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" Comprising porch, hall, two reception rooms, kitchen diner, three good size bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking & garage. Energy rating D.

WEDNESFIELD WODEN AVENUE £145,000

"SITUATED OFF THE POPULAR AMOS LANE THIS SEMI DETACHED HOME REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE" Comprising lounge, dining room/sitting room, fitted kitchen, utility/study area, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, pleasant front & large rear gardens with ample off road parking, garage to side. EPC Rating TBC

WILLENHALL UPLANDS AVENUE £145,000

"A CHAIN FREE TRADITIONAL DETACHED RESIDENCE SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Briefly comprising lounge, refitted dining kitchen, separate refitted utility, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom, off road parking and private mature rear garden. Energy rating F.

FEATHERSTONE, HUDDLESTONE CLOSE £144,995

●●●SHOW HOME STYLE●●● A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY! Comprising entrance hall, 20ft lounge diner, 20ft kitchen, three bedrooms, walk in wardrobe/ office study area (off bedroom three) bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating TBC

WEDNESFIELD BLACKHALVE LANE £139,999

"SET ON THE POPULAR BLACKHALVE LANE THIS CHAIN FREE SEMI DETACHED HOME REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE" Comprising open plan through lounge diner, fitted kitchen, garage/ utility & w.c, bathroom, 3 bedrooms (currently used as a 2 bedroom) front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC Rating TBC

MOSELEY PARKLANDS CAVALIER CIRCUS £139,995

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI DETACHED HOME WITH FIELDS TO SIDE" Comprising lounge, dining room, feature conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility/ office, ground floor w.c, THREE BEDROOMS, shower area of master bedroom, bathroom, large frontage with off road parking, rear garden & garage. Energy rating C.

OAKLANDS ESTATE, SOBERTON CLOSE £137,000

"A SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN A POPULAR CUL DE SAC LOCATION ON THE OAKLANDS ESTATE" Comprising open plan lounge diner, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, ample off road parking, pleasant front & rear gardens with DOUBLE DETACHED GARAGE TO REAR WITH SECURE GATED ACCESS. EPC Rating D

WEDNESFIELD FAIRVIEW CLOSE £129,999

"OFFERING FANTASTIC POTENTIAL THIS TRADITIONAL CHAIN FREE SEMI DETACHED HOUSE" Briefly comprising lounge, dining room/sitting room, kitchen, utility, large garage to side with conversion opportunity, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & good size rear garden with off road parking. Energy rating TBC.

WEDNESFIELD WODEN AVENUE £129,999

"THIS HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE" Comprising generous lounge, fitted open plan dining kitchen with utility, feature conservatory, THREE BEDROOMS, master en-suite, further ground floor family bathroom, ample off road parking, pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E

WEDNESFIELD BLACKHALVE LANE £129,999

"SET ON THE POPULAR BLACKHALVE LANE THIS CHAIN FREE EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOME OFFERS HIGHLY DECEPTIVE LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising sitting room, lounge/diner, extended L shaped kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gated off road parking, private mature rear garden, utility/office & garage. EPC Rating TBC

WEDNESFIELD MATTOX ROAD £125,000

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE & EXTENDED FAMILY HOME SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION"
Briefly comprising lounge, large open plan dining room with sitting area, fitted kitchen, ground floor wc, rear porch, three bedrooms, bathroom/wet room and large rear garden.

OFF LICHFIELD GROVE LEWIS GROVE £120,000

"SITUATED OFF THE POPULAR LICHFIELD ROAD THIS EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOME IS SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION" Comprising lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility/office, 2 bedrooms (master en suite), fitted bathroom, off road parking, good sized rear garden & secure parking to rear. EPC Rating E

WEDNESFIELD WODEN AVENUE £120,000

"A REMODERNISED & SHOWHOME STYLED SEMI DETACHED HOME SITUATED OFF THE POPULAR AMOS LANE" Comprising lounge, kitchen with separate dining area, wc, conservatory/utility, two double bedrooms, luxury refitted bathroom, block paved off road parking & large mature private rear garden. NO CHAIN. EPC Rating TBC

WEDNESFIELD LICHFIELD ROAD £117,950

"SET ON A GENEROUS CORNER PLOT BETWEEN LICHFIELD ROAD & LINTHOUSE LANE, THIS SEMI DETACHED HOME OFFERS FANTASTIC POTENTIAL" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, large front, side & rear gardens. EPC Rating TBC

WEDNESFIELD PRITCHARD AVENUE £115,000

"CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WEDNESFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE ALONG WITH NEW CROSS HOSPITAL THIS SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAS WONDERFUL LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising open plan lounge diner, dining kitchen, office/utility/play room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom with separate wc, front & rear gardens.

OFF LINTHOUSE LANE PRESTWOOD AVENUE £112,999

"A CHAIN FREE EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOME SITUATED OFF THE POPULAR LINTHOUSE LANE" Briefly comprising lounge/ sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, off road parking & mature rear garden with DETACHED GARAGE TO REAR!! EPC Rating TBC

WILLENHALL VICTORIA STREET £110,000

"THIS SHOW HOME STYLE THREE BEDROOM END TERRACED TOWN HOUSE REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen diner, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, second floor having master bedroom & en suite, rear garden & allocated parking. EPC Rating C

WEDNESFIELD ORCHARD ROAD £117,500

"WITH GREEN VIEWS TO FRONT & AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN THIS SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY OFFERS FANTASTIC LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising porch, hall, lounge, sitting/dining room, refitted kitchen, utility, wc, veranda, storage outbuilding, three bedrooms, wet room, off road parking & rear garden. Energy rating D.

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PRICE £375,000

OFF DANESCOURT ROAD, TETTENHALL

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MEADOW ROAD, FINCHFIELD

An attractive & extended traditional detached property, offering particularly well proportioned & highly versatile family living space; reception hall, shower room/ guest W.C, 3 living rooms, breakfast kitchen, utility room, spacious gallery landing, 4 good bedrooms, bathroom, sep W.C, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, double drive, delightful 110ft southerly facing garden.(E/54)

OFFERS AROUND £375,000

QUAIL GREEN, WIGHTWICK

An exceptional detached property offering an outstanding standard of most spacious & versatile living space, residing within a highly desirable cul-de-sac: inviting hall, cloaks/W.C, impressive 24'3" living room, sitting room, dining room/bed 5, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, large utility, 4 bedrooms, deluxe en suite & house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double drive & garage, lovely landscaped gardens.

OFFERS AROUND £349,950

FINCHFIELD HILL, FINCHFIELD

An imposing detached property of generous proportions offering superb family living space, situated within a select cul-de-sac: spacious hall, guest cloaks/W.C, 2 living rooms, breakfast kitchen, through passageway, 5 bedrooms, house bathroom, further shower room, GFCH, UPVCDG, double width driveway, garage, delightfully mature 80ft rear garden. (D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £329,950

CLIVE ROAD, PATTINGHAM

A generously proportioned detached bungalow offering highly versatile living space, occupying an excellent position within this highly sought after & well served village; 20ft4in reception hall, impressive 21ft3in living room with dining area, breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, block drive, garage, delightfully mature 80ft westerly garden. NO CHAIN (D/64)

OFFERS AROUND £315,000

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A fine detached bungalow of particularly generous proportions, occupying a delightful mature plot, offering an excellent standard of highly versatile living space; inviting hall with inner hall off, W.C, impressive 23'1" full width lounge, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, long drive, double garage, lovely rear garden. (D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A most charming & particularly imposing semi property having been extensively extended to create excellent family living space: inviting hall, guest W.C, 3 living rooms, comprehensive well equipped breakfast kitchen, impressive UPVCDG conservatory, 19ft10in utility room, 4 double bedrooms, house bathroom, additional shower room, W.C, UPVCDG, GFCH, carport & drive, long rear garden. (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

PENN ROAD, PENN

An outstanding & most attractive period semi detached property offering exceptionally spacious family living space interestingly structured over 3 floors & having been maintained to a high standard; inviting hallway, 3 living rooms, open plan fitted kitchen, rear porch, W.C, 5 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, luxury shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, imprinted drive, mature garden.(E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £289,500

SANDRINGHAM ROAD, PENN

An extensively re-modernised & generously proportioned detached property, offering superbly stylish modern living space ideal for the growing family; hall, W.C, charming lounge, outstanding well equipped open plan 18ft7in x 11ft8in dining kitchen,4 bedrooms, luxury en suite & house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, double drive, attractive gardens.(D/67)

OFFERS AROUND £284,950

FINCHFIELD LANE, FINCHFIELD

An attractive & imposing detached property of generous proportions, offering excellent family living space, residing within this desirable neighbourhood: hallway, W.C, 26ft through lounge with dining area, sitting room, 14ft5in breakfast kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway frontage, garage, mature garden with chalet/games room.(E/54)

FIXED PRICE £279,950

ASHFIELD ROAD, COMPTON

A substantial & extensively improved upon detached property offering an excellent standard of extremely spacious family living space: hall, W.C, study/bed 4, 2 living rooms, UPVCDG conservatory, breakfast kitchen, utility, 3 double bedrooms, well appointed en suite & bathroom, GFCH, majority UPVCDG, double garage, 70ft driveway, attractive gardens. (EPC value) (E/51)

OFFERS AROUND £279,950

FINCHFIELD LANE, FINCHFIELD

An imposing detached property of generous proportions & character, residing within this sought after location & road with scope to further improve: porch, inviting hall, 2 living rooms, kitchen, rear lobby, small utility, W.C, spacious landing, 3 bedrooms, shower room, W.C, GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, 27ft garage, mature & well stocked gardens, NO CHAIN (F/38)

OFFERS AROUND £249,950

TYRLEY CLOSE, COMPTON

A delightful link-detached property having been extensively extended & improved upon to create an excellent standard of quality family living space: hall, cloaks & W.C, 2 impressive living rooms, comprehensive 12ft10in breakfast kitchen, 4 bedrooms, deluxe shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, long drive, good size garage, large landscaped garden, nice cul-de-sac position.(C/71)

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

ST ANDREWS DRIVE, PERTON

A superior detached house of superbly spacious proportions & quality, offering exceptional family living space; reception porch, through hall, refitted cloaks/W.C, nice sized lounge, dining room, refitted open plan kitchen, playroom/office, 4 bedrooms, luxury refitted en suite & main bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, front drive, beautiful laid out rear garden. NO CHAIN (E/59)

OFFERS AROUND £239,500

HIGH MEADOWS, COMPTON

A most interesting & individual detached property offering spacious & highly versatile accommodation, residing within a pleasant cul-de-sac: inviting hall, shower room/W.C, utility, useful study/bed 4, impressive living room with excellent elevated views, comprehensive 16ft breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, GFCH, DG, mature rear garden onto woodland. (E/54)

OFFERS AROUND £235,000

WOODCOTE ROAD, TETTENHALL

An attractive modern link detached property offering well presented & maintained living space, residing within a pleasant cul-de-sac position; hall, pleasant lounge, comprehensive kitchen diner, UPVCDG conservatory, 3 bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, 36'8" garage, landscaped gardens. (D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £204,950

CROWTHER ROAD, NEWBRIDGE

A substantial & individual detached bungalow, offering particularly generous living space, residing within a matured corner plot; reception hall, living room, 17ft1in dining room/bedroom 4, stylish refitted breakfast kitchen, master bedroom with en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, house bathroom, GFCH, majUPVCDG, driveways to front & rear, garage & storage room. NO CHAIN (F/33)

OFFERS AROUND £194,950

BIRCHES BARN ROAD, BRADMORE

An impressive detached property offering spacious well planned family living accommodation, convenient for good amenities; storm porch, feature hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear porch with a shower room off, 4 bedrooms, bathroom suite, long garage, part concrete print drive, UPVCDG, GFCH, nice enclosed & private rear garden.(F/33)

OFFERS AROUND £185,000

WOOTTON ROAD, FINCHFIELD

An attractive & imposing traditional semi detached property of generous proportions, in need of some refurbishment , situated within this highly popular road: porch, hall, front lounge, dining room, kitchen, side lobby with W.C, coal store & pantry off, 3 bedrooms, boarded loft area, bathroom, GFCH, garage, driveway, lovely established very long garden. NO CHAIN (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

TRYSULL ROAD, BRADMORE

A substantial detached bungalow with scope to improve, offering generous & well planned living space; handily place for good local amenities; enclosed porch, spacious reception hall, pleasant 22ft full width living room with dining area, breakfast kitchen, inner hall, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, lengthy drive, garage, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £174,950

HENWOOD ROAD, COMPTON

An attractive & very nicely presented semi detached property offering well proportioned family living space, advantageously situated for good local amenities; inviting hall, pleasant lounge, comprehensive 17ft3in dining kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, spacious well appointed bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, lengthy driveway, delightfully mature 70ft garden. NO CHAIN (E/45)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

ALLEN ROAD, WHITMORE REANS

A most attractive & imposing Victorian residence, offering excellent family living space of generous proportions & retaining a wealth of character features, well served by good amenities & the city: inviting 29ft8in hall, cellar, 3 charming living rooms, well equipped kitchen, 4 generous bedrooms, in keeping bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, outside utility room, store & W.C, delightful rear garden.(TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

SPRINGHILL AVENUE, PENN

An attractive extended semi detached property offering excellent family living space, occupying a large frontage corner position in a sought after residential location; inviting hall, living room, separate dining room, 18ft 6in breakfast kitchen, utility, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, generous driveway, garage, wide frontage, mature gardens, convenient location (D/57)

OFFERS AROUND £165,000

COMPTON ROAD WEST, COMPTON

A fine modern first floor apartment structured over an impressive floor area, enjoying a pleasant outlook to front & rear; secured communal entry, spacious & inviting hall, splendid 28' living room with dining area, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, master bedroom, en suite shower room , further double bedroom , house bathroom, GFCH, DG, communal gardens & parking NO CHAIN (C/72)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

HOLLOWAY COURT, COMPTON

A superb ground floor life style apartment, forming part of this exclusive development, residing at the heart of the Village with amenities & a regular bus route close at hand: secured access, inviting entrance hall, excellent living room, stylish kitchen with many appliances, master bedroom with en suite, further bedroom, bathroom, DG, GFCH, under cover parking space. NO CHAIN (C/73)

OFFERS AROUND £154,950

LEYLAND AVENUE, MERRIDALE

An imposing & beautifully presented semi detached property, having been extended & extensively re modernized to create an excellent standard of spacious & versatile living space: hall, 2 attractive living rooms, comprehensive well equipped kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, garage, mature gardens, cul-de-sac location. NO CHAIN (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £154,950

CHELMARSH AVENUE, CASTLECROFT

A most impressive mid terrace property offering superbly spacious & well planned family living space; hall, 21ft through living room, adjoining conservatory, restyled kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, luxury bathroom suite, UPVCDG, GFCH, long mature garden, brick utility store & outside W.C, block drive. (D/63)

OFFERS AROUND £144,950

BLAKELEY AVENUE, CLAREGATE

A well presented semi detached property offering a good standard of highly versatile living space, residing within a popular & convenient location: hall, 2 living rooms, refitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, restyled bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, block paved frontage, garage, mature rear garden. NO CHAIN (D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £144,950

STUDLEY ROAD, FINCHFIELD

A most spacious & very well presented extended mid terrace property, offering an excellent standard of highly versatile living space, residing within a popular area convenient for amenities/schooling; covered porch, hall, through living room, separate sitting room, open plan kitchen, utility area, 3 bedrooms, appealing shower room, GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, mature rear garden. (D/68)

OFFERS AROUND £134,950

LIMEHURST AVENUE, FINCHFIELD

A most spacious & well presented mid terrace property, offering a good standard of highly versatile living space, residing within a popular area convenient for amenities/ schooling: hall, through 20' living room, breakfast kitchen, utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, sep W.C, GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, mature rear garden. (C/70)

OFFERS AROUND £129,950

NEWHAMPTON RD W, NEWBRIDGE

A most impressive period terrace property offering well proportioned living space, which is pleasantly situated & convenient for a good range of general amenities and the city; hall, 2 living rooms, restyled kitchen, rear porch, W.C, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, mature garden. NO CHAIN (E/46)

OFFERS AROUND £124,950

BALFOUR CRESCENT, NEWBRIDGE

A substantial duplex apartment, interestingly structured over 2 floors, offering a good standard of surprisingly spacious & comfortable living accommodation: hall, 15ft9in x 12ft11in living room, 12ft11in dining kitchen, first floor landing, 2 good bedrooms, luxury shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, convenient location. NEW 125 YEAR LEASE (D/68)

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LANESFIELD
GENGE AVENUE £175,000

"A BRAND NEW LUXURY DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW/HOUSE SET ON A SMALL EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION" Comprising ground floor w.c, lounge, 26ft fitted open plan dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms, luxury fitted bathroom with bath & separate shower, off road parking & good size rear garden. Energy rating TBC.

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GENGE AVENUE £175,000

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BILSTON
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WEDNESFIELD, WADDENS BROOK LANE £189,999

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COSELEY
SUMMERHILL ROAD £110,000

BRAND NEW HOME COULD BE YOURS WITH AS LITTLE AS 5% DEPOSIT CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION. This spacious modern TWO BEDROOM mid terrace property is set within a cul-de-sac location and has NO UPWARD CHAIN. Benefitting from a lounge, brand new kitchen and bathroom, downstairs wc & off road parking. EPC rating B.

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CITY CENTRE
TEMPEST STREET £90,000

"SET IN THE HEART OF WOLVERHAMPTON CITY CENTRE THE UNIQUE CURVE DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE" Comprising secured gated parking, LIFT ACCESS, feature open plan lounge kitchen diner, TWO BEDROOMS, fitted bathroom & secured entrance. EPC Rating D

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WEDNESFIELD
PICKERING ROAD £65,000

"CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WEDNESFIELD & BENTLEY BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTRES THIS FIRST FLOOR FLAT REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATED" Comprising entrance hall, study landing area, generous lounge, fitted kitchen, master bedroom, fitted bathroom, attic storage, rear garden with outbuilding. Energy rating TBC.

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An entrance porch leads to reception hall with access to loft space and doors leading off to an L-shaped lounge with feature fireplace and inset gas fire.

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EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Executive Four Bedroom Detached House● Lounge & Dining Room● Ensuite To Master Bedroom● Family Bathroom● Woodland Aspect● Modern Fitted Kitchen● Utility Room & Cloakroom W/C● Conservatory● Front/Side/Rear Gardens● Garage

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EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Executive Four Bedroom Detached House ●Lounge With Sitting Area ●Spacious Dining Room ●Double Garage ●Modern Fitted Kitchen ●Downstairs Cloakroom W/C ●Utility Room ●Corner Plot ●Gas Central Heating

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REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE● EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Executive Extended Four Bedroom Detached House● Thru Hallway● Two Reception Rooms● Further Breakfast/Reception Room● Ensuite Bathroom to Master Bedroom● Further Shower Room W/C● Double Glazing

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EPC Rating Is Grade D● Four Bedroom Detached House Enjoying Open Rear Aspect● Lounge/Diner● Conservatory● Modern Breakfast Kitchen With Dining Area● Utility Room● Cloakroom W/C● Bathroom W/C● Double Glazing● Cul De Sac Location

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HOLYHEAD ROAD

EPC Rating Is Grade E ●Delightful Country Cottage ●Three Bedrooms ●Many Traditional Style Features ●Sitting/Dining Room ●Fitted Kitchen ●Lounge ●Bathroom W/C ●Washroom W/C ●Off Road Parking ●Cottage Style Gardens

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THE STADDLESTONES

EPC GRADE D ●Executive Four Bedroom Detached House ●Lounge & Separate Dining Room ●Breakfast Kitchen ●Thru Hallway ●Bathroom With White Suite ●Garage ●Cul De Sac Location ●Double Glazing ●Downstairs Cloakroom W.C

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Epc Grade E● Three Bedroom Semi Detached House● Lounge & Dining Room● Fitted Modern Kitchen● Study Room/Office● Garage● Double Glazing● Gas Central Heating● Bathroom With White Suite● Popular Village Location

PERTON & 01902 744111

PERTON £180,000

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EPC Grade C● Immaculate Extended Three Bedroom House● Lounge● Separate Dining Room● Conservatory● Modern Fitted Kitchen● Utility Room● Shower Room W/C● Summer House And Woodland Views To The Rear● Garage

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PERTON £175,000

ARUNDEL GROVE

Epc Grade E●Three Bedroom Semi Detached House● Lounge & Dining Room● Fitted Kitchen● Downstairs Cloakroom W/C● Thru Hallway● Double Glazing● Gas Central Heating● Cul De Sac● Bathroom With White Suite● Garage● NO UPWARD CHAIN

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HOMEFIELD ROAD

EPC Grade E ●Four Bedroom Semi Detached House ●Lounge ●Dining Room ●Kitchen/Dining Room ●Bathroom W/C ●Off Road Parking ●Garage ●Gardens

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BENSON CLOSE

NO UPWARD CHAIN ●EPC Rating Is Grade D● Three Bedroom Semi Detached House● Lounge/diner● Kitchen● Dining Room● Double Glazing● Bathroom With White Suite● Southerly Facing Garden, Driveway

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Refitted kitchen and the bonus of annexe/studio

A THREE-BEDROOMED detached house in Alexander Road, Penn, Wolverhampton has a re-fitted kitchen and an annexe/studio.

It is for sale through Charles Derby at £225,000. With gas central heating and some double glazing it has a porch, entrance hall, WC, reception room one with an open fire French doors to reception room two. French doors lead to the conservatory/family room and a gas fire.

The kitchen has a built-in fridge freezer, microwave, range cooker with extractor, dishwasher and granite work surfaces.

There is also a garage and garden and the annexe/studio has a lounge/kitchen, bedroom and shower room with plumbing that needs connecting.

Call Charles Derby Estates on 01902 244200 or visit www.charlesderbyestates.com

Extended semi handy for the town centre

AN extended traditional semi-detached house in Chestnut Avenue, Dudley is well placed for Dudley centre and motorway links.

It is for sale through Wakeman Estate Agents at £148,000.

With double glazing and gas central heating it has a porch, entrance hall, extended lounge/dining room with bay window, extended kitchen with oven, gas hob, wall and floor tiling, three bedrooms, bathroom with a bath with a shower over and wall and floor tiling, a garage, further off road parking and gardens to the front, rear and side.

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Sought after area for executive family home

SITUATED in a sought after area, this four-bedroomed detached house in Breamore Crescent, Dudley needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated.

It is for sale through Dixons Estate Agents at offers over £265,000.

With a driveway and detached double garage it has an entrance hall with laminate flooring, WC, lounge/family room with living flame gas fire, a breakfast/dining kitchen with oven, gas hob, cooker hood and tiled flooring, conservatory with laminate flooring, master bedroom with laminate flooring, wardrobes and en suite, three further bedrooms, a bathroom and gardens.

For further information contact Dixons on 01384 847254 or visit www.dixonsestateagents.co.uk

Traditional semi has attractive rear garden

A TRADITIONAL style three-bedroomed semi-detached home in Wombourne Park, Wombourne, Wolverhampton has a particularly attractive mature rear garden.

It is for sale through Sanders Wright & Freeman at £199,950.

Set behind a long driveway and with side storage garage the well-presented accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, linked through living/sitting room with laminate flooring, attractive fireplace and conservatory off, extended kitchen with oven and gas hob, laundry/utility room, WC, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

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An individual detached barn set well back from the road enjoying the benefit of extensive picturesque views over surrounding countryside this spacious and most character property has been rebuilt to a high specification. Convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops the interior includes:

Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Feature Living Room with vaulted ceiling * Impressive Open Plan Farm Style Kitchen with Dining Area * Utility * Family Bathroom * Two Ground Floor Bedrooms * First Floor Master Bedroom with Ensuite * Courtyard * Mature Surrounding Gardens * Underfloor Heating & Oak Double Glazing * EPC Rating C

Lane Green Farm - £425,000

COMPTON

Situated on a popular modern development close to Compton Village and within easy access to the city centre this deceptive detached property has been extended and restyled to create surprisingly generous living accommodation.

Entrance Hall * Kitchen * Dining Room * Living Room *Lobby Utility * Fitted Shower Room * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom * Enclosed Rear Garden * Carport * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

9 Cherrington Gardens - £199,950

PENN

Sympathetically restyled whilst retaining the charm and appeal of a period property this individually designed detached character property has been built to a generous specification providing spacious and versatile living accommodation ideal as a family house. Convenient for the majority of amenities the accommodation further comprises:

Charming Good Size Reception Hall * Cloakroom * Living Room * Dining Room * Sitting Room * Conservatory * Open Plan Magnificent Dining Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Galleried Landing * Four Bedrooms * Bathroom with smart white suite * Mature Enclosed Rear Gardens * GCH & MDG * EPC Rating E

52 Goldthorn Avenue - £350,000

REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE IN TETTENHALL

Convenient for the majority of amenities this deceptive dormer bungalow has been extensively renovated to create superb living accommodation as a family home whilst providing bedroom & bathroom accommodation on both floors. Convenient for the majority of amenities, viewing is absolutely essential to appreciate this luxury property hosting a number of attractive features.

Entrance Hall * Inner hall* Superb Fitted Shower Room * Feature Open Plan Living Room with Dining Room * Magnificent Dining Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Utility * Garage * First Floor Landing * Four Double Bedrooms * Bathroom * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * Mature Landscaped Rear Garden and enjoying aspect over school playing fields * EPC Rating D * VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED - REDUCED FOR A QUICK SALE TO A MOST ATTRACTIVE ASKING PRICE!

117 Woodthorne Road South - £349,950

WEST PARK

Ideally situated for the majority of amenities in a favoured location and enjoying pleasant views over West Park, this traditional semi-detached house is a fine example of a good size family house and further comprises:

Porch * Entrance Hall *Cloakroom * Sitting/ Dining Room * Extended Rear Living Room * Fitted Kitchen with split level cooker * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom * Separate WC * Carport to Garage * Enclosed Rear Garden * GCH & MDG * EPC Rating E * REDUCED TO A MOST REALISTIC ASKING PRICE, VIEWING IS ESSENTIAL TO APPRECIATE THIS SUPERB EXAMPLE OF ITS TYPE!

61 Park Road East - £184,950

TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position in a small select private drive in a favoured location, this three bedroom detached bungalow has been tastefully refurbished to provide an impressive standard of accommodation incorporating a host of attractive features throughout. The attractive interior includes:

Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Refurbished Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units * Utility * Dining Room * Charming Living Room * Three Bedrooms * Refitted Ensuite & Bathroom with new white suites * Good Size Driveway leading to Detached Double Garage * Private Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating * EPC Rating D * VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

11d Wrekin Drive - £345,000

TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice cul de sac position in a popular residential location this deceptive detached property has been thoughtfully restyled to provide excellent living accommodation. Convenient for the majority of amenities the well appointed accommodation comprises:

Reception Hall * Fitted Cloak/ Shower Room * Open Plan Living Room with Dining Area * Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units * Double Width Garage with stores * Landing * Four Bedrooms * Family Bathroom * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

3 Fair Oak Drive - £310,000

BRADMORE

Occupying a choice position in this small select cul de sac being convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops this semi-detached property offers a most attractive interior and a number of features throughout.

Porch * Living Room * Breakfast Kitchen * Double Glazed Conservatory * Landing * 2 Bedrooms * Bathroom with white suite * Mature Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

22 Lutley Close - £147,500/ Rent: £595pcm

SEDGEMOOR PARK

Deceptive externally this deceptive detached property has been extended and restyled to provide excellent living accommodation ideal as a family house having a host of distinctive & attractive features throughout.

Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Sitting Room * Living Room*Dining Room * Feature Breakfast Kitchen * Utility * Fitted Cloakroom * Landing * Five Bedrooms * Master Ensuite * Refitted Family Bathroom * Garage with Utility Area * Enclosed Rear Garden * EPC Rating D

5 Balking Close - £255,000

COVEN

Situated on small exclusive development on the outskirts of Coven, this detached property enjoys a rural aspect with views over green and River Penk, yet is most convenient for access to the motorway and commuting to principal towns.

Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Living Room * Separate Dining Room * Integrated Garage * Landing * Four Bedrooms * Master Ensuite * Family Bathroom * Enclosed Landscaped Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

4 Kings Bridge, Penkside Walk - £249,950

TETTENHALL

Set back off the road and enjoying a quiet location approached by a private pathway this deceptive town house has been extensively restyled and refurbished by the present owners to create a most attractive family home. Designed to utilise the maximum space the tastefully appointed interior includes:

Reception Porch * Open Plan Living Room* Dining Area * Luxury Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Shower Room * Garage* Enclosed Landscaped Rear Garden * EPC Rating D

8 Calcot Drive - £124,950

COMPTON

Occupying an elevated position with magnificent views over the surroundings area this deceptive detached property has been built to an interesting design offering spacious and versatile living accommodation. Constructed to a split level design the well-appointed interior incorporates:

Ground Floor Reception Porch to Spacious Entrance Hall * Double Width Garage * Study/ Bedroom Four * Fitted Cloak Room * Utility * First Floor * Open Plan Living Room with Dining Area * Breakfast Kitchen with integrated appliances * Lower Ground Floor * Three Bedrooms * Smart Bathroom with white suite * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing * Mature Landscaped Rear Garden enjoying views over surrounding area * EPC Rating E

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Modern detached family home is really spacious

THIS three-bedroomed modern detached family home in Darley Drive, Wolverhampton has spacious accommodation.

It is for sale through Your Move at £160,000.

It has an entrance porch, hall, lounge with a gas fire and Adam-style surround, separate dining room with patio doors, kitchen with electric oven, gas hob and extractor hood, utility, WC and conservatory, master bedroom with an en suite, two further double bedrooms and a family bathroom. There is a driveway, garage and gardens.

For further information contact Your Move on 01902 305665 or visit www.your-move.co.uk

Modern apartment comes with parking

AN excellent modern design two-bedroomed first floor apartment, 97 Rothesay Gardens, Wolverhampton has lift access and a gated undercover parking space.

It is for sale through Whitegates at £89,500.

It has a communal entrance with lift and stairs, hall, lounge with a Juliette balcony to the front, a kitchen modern dark wood effect units, contrasting working surfaces and splash-back tiling, oven, hob and hood over and part tiled walls, two bedrooms and a bathroom with a white suite and part tiled walls and spotlights and communal gardens.

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EPC: D
MOSELEY ROAD
WILLENHALL
- Detached family home
- Three bedrooms
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- Garage & off road parking

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EPC:B
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WILLENHALL
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EPC: C
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- Popular location
- Three bedrooms
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- Driveway & garage
- Rear gardens

£550 PCM

EPC: E
WORCESTER ROAD
WILLENHALL
- Three bedroom semi
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Refitted bathroom
- Lounge & sunroom
- D/glazing & c/heating
- Off road parking

£550 PCM

EPC:C
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- Two bedrooms
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- Fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Rear garden

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- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear garden with patio area

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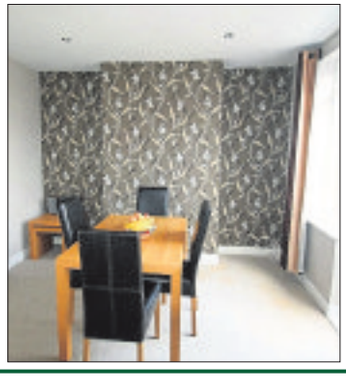
Good location for this well-maintained terrace

A WELL-maintained three-bedroomed mid terrace home in a popular location in Quarry Road, Dudley Wood, Dudley is ideal for couples or families alike.

It is for sale through The Property Shop at £129,950.

It has an entrance hall with laminate flooring, a front facing lounge with a bay window, rear dining room with door out to the garden, kitchen with wood-effect units and contrasting working surfaces, splashback tiling and partly tiled walls, WC, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, garage and garden with decking and lawn.

For further information contact The Property Shop on 01384 456022 or visit www.thepropertyshop.co.uk



Re-planned home has many features

A FOUR-bedroomed detached house in Oakham Road, Dudley has been re-planned to offer well planned accommodation. It is for sale through Scriven & Co at £399,950.

It has a porch, reception hall, WC, lounge with an Adam-style fireplace with a flame-effect fire and wall-mounted Rosewood display cabinet, sitting room with wall-mounted cabinets and patio doors.

There is also a dining room, conservatory, kitchen with a double oven, breakfast bar with wine rack, day room with patio doors, utility, principal bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, garage and garden and a driveway and garage.

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- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Double Glazing, Private Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Ladymoor Road

BILSTON £100,000

An ideal investment opportunity or first time buy for a DIY enthusiast, available to purchase with no upward chain. Spacious extended living accommodation and loft conversion. Newly fitted gas central heating boiler, ample off road parking to front and private enclosed rear garden. EPC Grade = D

Lea Road

PENNFIELDS £160000

This large traditional five bedroom semi-detached family home has a wealth of character yet has been improved and modernised by the present owner to a good standard. The property includes a re-fitted breakfast kitchen, a large lounge/dining room, cellar, off road parking and garage to the rear. Conveniently located for Wolverhampton City Centre this property must be viewed to appreciate the quality and size of the accommodation. EPC - Awaiting

Tempest Street

WOLVERHAMPTON £95,000

An ideal first time buy or investment opportunity, ready to move straight into!! immaculately presented!!! Top floor apartment with lift, two double bedrooms, sizeable open plan living area. Ideal town centre location. Viewing essential!! EPC Grade = D

Merridale Gardens

MERRIDALE £130,000

A lovely location and recently renovated to include a re-fitted dining kitchen, upstairs bathroom and downstairs shower room. Garage, driveway and pleasant front and rear gardens. A steel!!! must be viewed! EPC Grade = F

Leslie Road

LOW HILL £85,000

Great investment opportunity! Available to purchase with no chain! Three bedrooms, two reception rooms, upstairs WC & downstairs bathroom, access to rear for parking. EPC Grade E

Keats Road

WOLVERHAMPTON £100,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Downstairs W/C, Three Bedrooms And Bathroom. The Property Benefits From A Gas Central Heating System And Double Glazing. There Is A Driveway To The Front And Garden To The Rear. EPC = awaiting

Stubley Drive

WOLVERHAMPTON £120,000

An ideal first time buy! Cul-de-Sac location with off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. An early inspection is highly recommended! EPC Grade = C

Bunkers Hill Lane

BILSTON 100000

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property that has been recently refurbished by the current owners. The accommodation briefly comprises, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen and bathroom. To the first floor, three bedrooms. To the outside the property has a paved patio area, lawned area with mature palnting and shrubs. EPC = awaiting

Lea Road

PENNFIELDS £115,000

This well maintained traditional three bedroom semi-detached house has been improved by the present owner, yet still boasts many original features. The property includes an extended kitchen and a re-fitted bathroom. Situated close to Wolverhampton City Centre, the property would be an ideal investment opportunity or FTB. EPC Grade = E

Penn Road

PENN £210,000

Imposing Victorian Semi-Detached Villa residence of delightful quality, pleasantly positioned with open rear aspect onto allotments and enjoying easy direct access into the city centre. Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. Living Room. Breakfast Kitchen with extensive fittings and adjoining Utility/Laundry, ceiler four large Double Bedrooms and one single bedroom. Bathroom . Gas-fired central heating. Double glazed windows. Paved parking facilities. Lovely garden extending almost 100ft to rear incorporating feature.EPC Grade = F

Fifth Avenue

BUSHBURY £105,000

A extremely well presented three bedroom semi detached house that has been improved and updated to a very high standard by the present owners. The property includes a low maintenance rear garden and off road parking to the front. No upward chain. Viewing highly recommended. EPC Grade = D

Clark Road

WOLVERHAMPTON £230,000

Three bed detached. This property is situated in a popular area close all local amenities. Benefits from entrance hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, dining area, shower room/utility area, good sized bedrooms with a family bathroom upstairs. Also benefits from a good size garden. EPC=awaiting

Darelyn Park

COVEN £55,000

Pleasantly situated on a small development of similar properties in a rural village location on the outskirts if Coven. The property is well presented, includes gas central heating, landscaped gardens and off road parking. Available to purchase with no upward chain.

Grace Road

TIPTON £50,000

First floor maisonette, briefly comprising of 1 bedroom, 1 reception room, fitted bathroom, kitchen, central heating and double glazing, allocated parking to the rear, communal gardens.Ideal for first time buyers or investment. Property Is Leasehold. EPC = D

Bransdale Close

WHITMOREANS £114,000

Situated in a cul-de-sac location close to Wolverhampton City Centre, this three bedroom semi offers well presented accommodation to include a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, garage and driveway. An ideal first time buy, available to purchase with no upward chain.

Darley Drive

DUNSTALL £220,000

Four bedroom modern detached house offers well presented accommodation that is situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac location close to Wolverhampton City Centre. The property includes an en-suite to the master bedroom, utility area, guest wc and attached garage. Front is a driveway with parking and to the rear a low maintenance garden.

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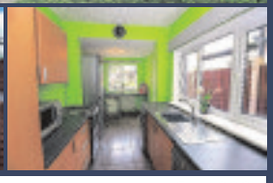


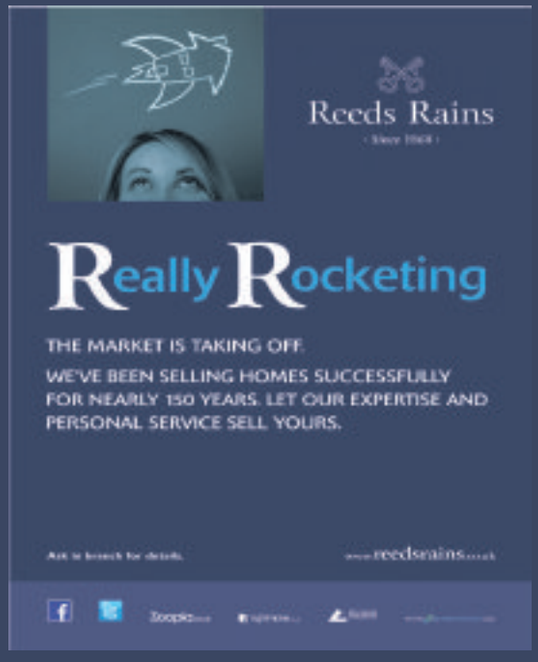
BUSHBURY **£77,000**

A well presented two bedroom terraced house that has been improved by the present owner and includes two reception rooms, a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom and a well maintained, landscaped rear garden. An ideal first time buy or investment purchase.
EPC Grade = D

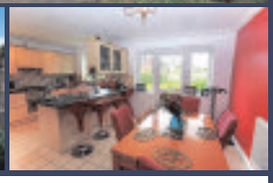
Hilston Avenue

PENN **£150,000**

Situated in a sought after location, close to good local schools this three bedroom semi detached house boasts a lovely rear garden and has an extended lounge and kitchen.
EPC grade = F



Mill Lane



WEDNESFIELD **£240,000**

Not your average four bedroom detached! Generous living space to include a large modern dining kitchen, four good sized bedrooms with en-suite to master. To the front is ample off road parking for several vehicles and there is a generous child friendly garden to the rear. An early viewing is essential!
EPC Grade C

Florence Avenue

LANESFIELD **£120,000**

This property offers three good sized bedrooms, lounge to front,stunning dining kitchen and is available to purchase with no upward chain. EPC Grade C

Westbourne Road

PENN **£147,200**

An immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached house situated in a sought after location, within ease of access of Wolverhampton City Centre. The property is presented to a very high standard and includes a beautifully manicured rear garden with access to a garage & workshop.
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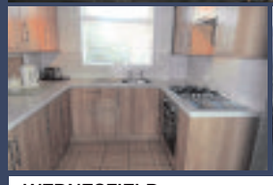
Duckhouse Road



WEDNESFIELD **£130,000**

This ideal first time buy has been lovingly maintained and includes a re-fitted kitchen and re-fitted shower room, utility room and guest WC. The property also includes a garage and driveway to the front and a pleasant garden to the rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN.
EPC Grade = D

Goldthorn Hill

PENN **£245,000**

GOOD SIZED FAMILY HOME! Four bedroom Detached double fronted property in a popular location. Property comprises entrance hall & landing with oak panelling, two large reception rooms, fitted Kitchen, utility room & guest WC, garage & mature rear garden, which is a particular feature of the house. EPC grade = E

Jeremy Road

GOLDTHORN **£172000**

This well presented traditional three bedroom semi is situated in a sought after location, within the catchment area for excellent local schools. The property includes two spacious reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, garage and driveway. EPC - Awaiting

Warstones Road

PENN **£175,000**

This beautifully presented and well maintained semi-detached property is situated in a sought after location, close to excellent local schools. The property includes a stunning loft conversion/ master bedroom with en-suite shower room. To the rear is a large established garden, a dream for any BBQ enthusiast.EPC Grade = D

Langley Road

PENN **£140,000**

Three bedrooms, Stylish lounge/diner through to bright, spacious conservatory. Modern kitchen and study complete downstairs. Family bathroom with storage and three bedrooms complete first floor. Porch and well maintained garden form the front of the property and rear-garden with al-fresco dining area complete the rear. EPC = awaiting

Douglas Place

OXLEY **£133,000**

Situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac location and backing onto Oxley Golf Course this three bedroom semi-detached house offers spacious accommodation that has been modernised and renovated. Includes a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, guest WC and a good sized rear garden. No upward chain. EPC = awaiting

Springhill Park

LOWER PENN **£250,000**

Well maintained detached property offers a wealth of opportunities for a variety of buyers, it offers spacious living accommodation with an abundance of character and is situated in a sought after location with a stunning aspect to the front. Includes a large established front garden and a landscaped garden to the rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN.Awaiting EPC

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Extended three-bed home available with no chain

EXTENDED and well presented, this three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Tipton Road, Dudley is for sale through Connells at £129,950 with no chain.

With double glazing and some central heating it has a porch, entrance hall with laminate flooring, lounge with laminate flooring, dining room with laminate flooring, archway to the kitchen with splash-back and floor tiling, an integrated electric oven with a gas hob, utility, three bedrooms (one with a bay window), bathroom with a towel rail and rear garden with lawn, slabbed patio and access to a garage.

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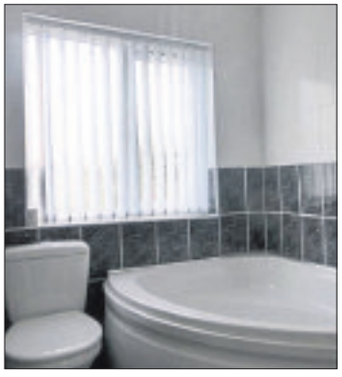

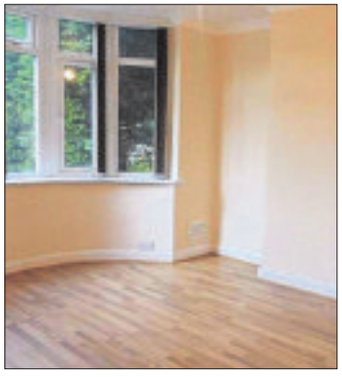

Excellent spot at the head of a cul-de-sac

STEATITE Way in Stourport-On-Severn is superb modern detached house occupying an excellent head of cul-de-sac position with wonderful countryside views beyond.

It is on the market for offers in the region of £264,950 with the agent Allan Morris estate agents.

It unusual layout makes this an intriguing home with an interesting split level layout

Accommodation includes four bedrooms, bathroom and en suite shower room, hall with guest cloakroom, lounge to rear, separate dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility room and large landscaped gardens.

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Well-presented terraced house has conservatory

THIS three-bedroomed semi-detached end terrace house in Cobham Road, Wednesbury is for sale through Goodchilds at £110,000.

Well presented throughout and with double glazing and gas central heating it has three bedrooms, a lounge with wood-effect flooring and a bay window, a kitchen/diner with wood-effect units, conservatory with wood-effect flooring, and a fully tiled family bathroom with contemporary fitted bathroom furniture, a front garden and a rear garden with decking and pond.

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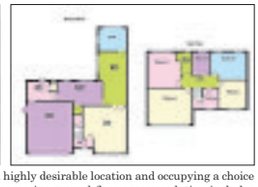

NO CHAIN - Five bedroom detached home in a highly desirable location and occupying a choice corner position. Substantially extended the impressive ground floor accommodation includes living room, extended sitting/dining room, study, breakfast kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom and large double garage. To the first floor are five bedrooms, bathroom and additional shower room.

Asking Price £350,000

FINCHFIELD

Substantial five bedroom detached home with a delightful private and mature rear outlook. Extended and with excellent size living accommodation throughout - features include a spacious driveway with double width car port, guest cloakroom, 18ft living room, dining room, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, utility, master bedroom with en suite, four further bedrooms, bathroom and shower room.

Offers Based On £265,000

FINCHFIELD

Attractive Four bedroom detached home in desirable York Gardens off York Avenue. Features include large southerly facing rear garden, two living rooms, dining kitchen, newly fitted en-suite to master bedroom, bathroom with bath and shower enclosure, double entry drive and garage.

Offers In Excess Of £270,000

WERGS HALL

Well appointed two bedroom ground floor apartment set within the prestigious Wergs Hall development. Reception hall, living room, breakfast kitchen with fitted appliances, large master bedroom with en-suite, second double bedroom and guest bathroom. Two allocated parking spaces

Offers Based On £259,950

FINCHFIELD

Beautifully presented second floor apartment enjoying a delightful front aspect overlooking Bantock Park. Entrance hall with cloaks cupboard, attractive open plan living / dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, impressive re-fitted bathroom, residents and visitor parking and garage in a nearby block. Well located for an excellent bus service and good local shops.

Asking Price £132,500

FINCHFIELD

Three bedroom link-detached home situated in a much sought after location near to Bantock Park. Entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan living room, dining room, spacious kitchen, utility, three good size bedrooms and family bathroom. The property has a double length side garage and a well maintained private rear garden.

Offers In Excess of £190,000

FORDHOUSES

NEW

NO CHAIN - Extended three double bedroom detached home comprising guest cloakroom, spacious living room, dining/sitting room, extended breakfast kitchen, utility, three double bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom. Driveway and garage and pleasant garden to the rear. Excellent location for M54 access

Offers Based On £175,000

MERRY HILL

Three bedroom detached bungalow with side driveway and garage, and located within walking distance of excellent local shops. Double-glazed accommodation comprises spacious hall, living room, dining room, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Patio and enclosed lawned garden to the rear.

Asking Price £170,000

WHITMORE REANS

NEW

Located off Newhampton Road West this is an attractive two bedroom terrace home with accommodation over three floors. Ground floor - two living rooms, kitchen and cellar, 1st floor double bedroom and large bathroom, 2nd floor bedroom. Fitted with gas central heating and having a pleasant enclosed garden to the rear.

Offers Based On £110,000

BRADMORE

NEW

Superb modern semi-detached home with re-fitted kitchen, attractive living room, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom and with the added benefit of a detached garage and private side and rear gardens. Double-glazed and with gas central heating the property occupies an excellent position towards the head of a cul-de-sac with generous off road parking. Internal Inspection highly recommended!

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Offers, guide £195,000

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● Particularly nice example of its type! Extended traditional-style semi located in very pleasant cul-de-sac setting within highly regarded neighbourhood with excellent amenities conveniently close by ● Superbly presented accommodation, exceptionally well appointed and enjoying lovely homely ambience ● Porch and Hall ● Bay-fronted Sitting/Dining Room ● Spacious Living Room (21' x 11') ● Stylish Conservatory ● Attractively equipped Kitchen with 16ft Utility/Laundry adjoining ● Fitted Cloakroom ● Garden Room ● Three well proportioned Bedrooms ● Fully tiled Bathroom including shower ● Gas-fired central heating ● Double glazed windows ● Garage/Store ● Block-paved forecourt parking facilities ● Beautifully landscaped 170ft west-facing garden with many attractive features ● (EPC:E)

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Infiniti's charge on market

By Graham Breeze

Infiniti sold very few cars in the UK last year but you can expect to see a lot more on our roads with the arrival of a turbocharged petrol version of the Q50 premium sports saloon.

For the confused readers Infiniti is Nissan's up-market offering – the same relationship as Lexus has to Toyota.

And if you haven't seen one on the road you will have seen the name splashed across the side of the Red Bull F1 team – which means the company is serious about exposure.

The Q50 is a mid-size, rear-drive saloon launched to take the opposition head-on at BMW, Audi and Mercedes. And that's going to be no easy task.

The Japanese luxury car producer is determined to increase market share in the next year and the Q50 is set to become their best seller.

It is already available with a 2.2-litre diesel engine or a direct response 3.5-litre petrol/electric hybrid drivetrain.

And there are three trim levels for the diesel models – SE, Premium and Sport, with the Hybrid available in one, fully equipped form only.

The Infiniti may be a rare sight on our roads at the moment but the new petrol option will appeal to a new customer base.

It oozes style and a new lightweight 4-cylinder turbocharged petrol engine now gives performance to match, thanks to 208hp and 258lb/ft (350Nm) of torque via a 7-speed automatic transmission.

'This model handles like a dream on motorways or on country roads, roars when you want it to and is agile enough.'

It gets Euro 5 certified technology and an impressive throttle response that gives an astonishing top speed of 152mph and 0-62mph in 7.5seconds.

You can expect to get over 40pmg on the combined cycle and the car emits 151g/km of C02 in sport form.

This model handles like a dream on motorways or on country roads, roars when you want it to and is agile enough to be competitive in the sector.

Wood and leather have been used extensively inside to provide a superb cabin area which is dominated by two big colour centre screens – one containing the Sat-Nav system, the other an iPad based system which controls just about everything you can think of.

The Infiniti Q50 takes the idea of a car with a memory to a whole new level. Thanks to 96 selectable settings across 10 functions, possible permutations for personalisation run into the millions.

The system will remember the personal settings for up to four people – three registered users and one guest – covering the areas of life on board, dynamic performance and safety technology.

Wolverhampton Chronicle Thursday, October 30, 2014

An Impreza impresses with simple plain logic

By Ian Donaldson

How can you not warm to a car when the man charged with selling hundreds of them tells you the company 'went through a pretty sticky patch three or four years ago.'

Refreshingly honest as that statement was, you know he'd only utter the words if the world did not look a rosier place today to sell us . . . a Subaru.

And it does, principally because the country where the cars come from – Japan – is now much weaker economically compared to the United Kingdom than it was, three or four years ago.

That means your pound goes a lot further today when you have to buy something in yen from Japan, as the importers of Subarus to the UK must do before they have something to sell us here.

So, quite suddenly, it's worth expanding the Subaru dealer network in anticipation of a sales surge and worth bringing in models that quite recently would have been too expensive to consider.

The car you see here is a prime example of this new-found value. For the same sort of money you need for something like a Ford Focus you can turn instead to a Subaru Impreza and discover a car that's very deliberately different.

The differences go deep, with features fitted as standard that are either expensive extras or simply not offered on mainstream rivals, like the Focus and a host of other big-sellers.

Top of the list (and no surprise to Subaru fans) is permanent four-wheel drive; it's the proper deal, not the half-hearted on-demand system rivals sometimes offer and which only chimes in when wheels start to spin.

It gives the rather ordinary looking Impreza hatchback the all weather grip that makes it instantly attractive to people like vets and rural doctors . . . not to mention the district nurse imagined by Subaru's UK chief as an ideal prospective buyer.

She (or he, of course) would find this useful technology packaged in a car that costs surprisingly little, starting at £17,495 for the manual gearbox version and rising to £18,995 for a car with automatic gears.

That model is a bit slower but actually a little more economical than the manual in the official tests and produces fewer tailpipe emissions, for a £15 annual saving in annual road tax.

Improvement

Not that either version is a star in the economy stakes. Both feature the same engine, as usual with a Subaru it has its four cylinders set flat and low down between the front wheels, for a (theoretical) improvement in the way the car handles corners.

It's always had a liking for petrol, although with nothing like the thirst of the famed rally Subarus of a decade or so ago; now reborn and available in roadgoing trim as the £28,995 WRX STI, which will happily return less than 20mpg used with enthusiasm.

You might get double that in the Impreza tested here (actually 38mpg on the test drive) which may be good enough not to put off potential purchasers.

They will be more attracted to the fair pile of standard kit that comes with today's very reasonably priced Impreza, from climate control air conditioning, heated front seats and cruise control to Bluetooth, eight airbags and a reversing camera.

They might miss a sixth speed in the manual gearbox and would certainly welcome a bit more power from an engine that sounds nicely enthusiastic when pushed but lacks the verve the all-wheel drive system could easily handle.

No problems with the ride, though, which lets the car flow nicely on broken British road surfaces, thanks in part to the fitment of modestly sized alloy wheels and tyres with decently tall sidewalls.

That's a typically sensible feature in a car that feels sensible all the way through, from an interior that prefers plain logic to plush contrivance and even to a warranty that might last you 100,000 miles.

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Subaru Impreza 1.6i RC

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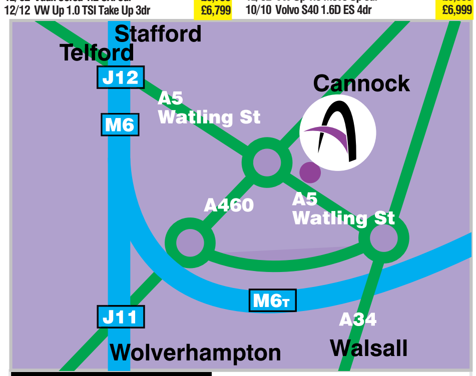

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New style details and equipment for Prius+

By Matt Joy

Prius+, Europe's market-leading seven-seat hybrid MPV, is being re-groomed for 2015 with new styling details, equipment features and colour choices. The first major changes for Prius+ since launch in 2012 give the car a stronger look that takes up Toyota's latest design cues.

The revised front-end features a new upper grille and a more prominent Toyota badge that extends the forward line of the bonnet. There are new LED headlights, too, which use a cylindrical projector for both high and low beam. Their slim profile and contrasting black and chrome plating give Prius+ a distinctive sharp-eyed appearance.

The lower grille adopts the trapezoid shape that's a common feature of the latest Toyota models. With a gloss black metallic finish, it adds emphasis to the car's broad stance. The impression of width is reinforced by a re-working of the bumper corners, given extra emphasis in a flowing form that extends from the headlights to the new air intakes and LED daytime running lights.

At the rear there's a new combination lamp design with "light guide" treatment and red inner lenses that give the car an individual lighting signature. Following the styling themes adopted at the front, there is a new licence plate trim and bumper with an integrated diffuser.

Changes in the cabin include a dark silver metallic finish for the driver's switchgear and the air conditioning dial control and a chrome finish for the door handles.

There are two new chrome-trimmed, slim-line air vents in the centre console and a new 4.2-inch colour TFT information screen, controlled using switchgear on the steering wheel.

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As well as basic information such as clock, trip indicator, cruising range fuel consumption, the screen also displays the Hybrid System Indicator and Energy monitor – features common to all Toyota hybrids. It also provides a new "Eco Judge" function, designed to help the driver maximise the powertrain's efficiency, giving a points score for their eco-driving style. The screen will also mirror the settings for the air conditioning and audio settings, keeping them in the driver's line of sight when on the move.

The 2015 Prius+ is fitted as standard with the Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system, including touchscreen control, Bluetooth and reversing camera. This can be upgraded – Toyota Touch 2 with Go - to provide additional satellite navigation, live traffic information and, via Toyota's online portal, an expanded range of connected services, text-to-speech function and 3D city modelling with landmark graphics.

The equipment upgrade extends to the availability of electric seat adjustment, a front centre armrest and Intelligent Park Assist.

Safety features have also been improved with the introduction of an emergency brake signal, which triggers all side indicators in the event of sudden braking. Hill-start Assist Control is automatically activated when the car detects an uphill gradient.

Toyota has also improved Prius+ ride and handling, making adjustments to the suspension damping force. New sound absorption material has been introduced in the side of the rear compartment to reduce noise intrusion in the cabin. The hybrid powertrain has been upgraded to comply with Euro6 emissions standards.

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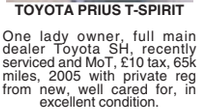

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THIS CHANGE OF NAME DEED is made the 20th day of October Two Thousand and Fourteen by me the undersigned KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA of Ormes Lodge 2, Ormes Lane, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV6 8JL (now or lately called KIRANJIT KAUR) Witnesses and it is hereby declared as follows:-

1. I absolutely and entirely renounce, relinquish and abandon the use of my former name of KIRANJIT KAUR and assume, adopt and determine to take and use from the date hereof the name of KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA in substitution for my name of KIRANJIT KAUR.
2. I the said KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA will at all times hereafter in all records, deeds, documents and other writings and in all actions, proceedings, as well as in all dealings and transactions and on all occasions whatsoever use and subscribe the said name of KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA as my name in substitution for my former name of KIRANJIT KAUR so relinquished as aforesaid to the intent that I the said KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA may hereafter be called known or distinguished not by the former name of KIRANJIT KAUR but by the name of KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA only.
3. I the said KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA authorise and require all persons at all times to address, describe and address me the said KIRANJIT KAUR by the adopted name of KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto executed this deed the day and year first before written.
SIGNED AS A DEED by the said KIRANJIT KAUR CHEEMA formerly KIRANJIT KAUR in the presence of:
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JAMES PATRICK O'SULLIVAN (Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 16 Leyland Avenue Merridale Wolverhampton West Midlands WV3 9RF, who died on 05/07/2014, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned on or before 02/01/2015, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE
Lyton Logistics Ltd of 7 Ivy Croft, Richmond Park, Pendeford, Wolverhampton WV9 5SE is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To add an operating centre to keep EIGHT goods vehicles and TWO trailers at 15 Watery Lane Trading Estate, Watery Lane, Willenhall WV13 3SU.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at West Midlands Traffic Area Application Services, Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence
Ejaz Ahmed trading as Ejaz Ahmed of 23 Rosebery Street, Pennfields, Wolverhampton, WV3 OBH is applying for licence to use 23 Rosebery Street, Pennfields, Wolverhampton, WV3 OBH, as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at West Midlands Traffic Area Office, Hill Crest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE
Richard Wright trading as Parkfield Haulage of 538 Parkfield Road, Ettingshall, Wolverhampton WV4 6EN is applying for a licence to use The Saturn Centre, Spring Road, Ettingshall, Wolverhampton WV4 6JX as an operating centre for SIX goods vehicles and SIX trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

VERA MASON (Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 18 Moseley Court Essington Wolverhampton West Midlands WV11 2TF, who died on 10/09/2014, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Lawyers on or before 02/01/2015, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council, on 28 October 2014, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Hollybush Lane, Oaken between its junctions with Willow Lane and Oaken Lanes unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road.

The preferred alternative route for traffic will be available via Oaken Lanes, Stafford Lane and Willow Lane.

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON 03 NOVEMBER 2014, AND THE SAID WORKS WILL COMMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED BY 07 NOVEMBER 2014.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the new gas service works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director of Democracy, Law and Transformation, No. 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP

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Date: 30 October 2014

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended)
Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

STRETTON ROAD, STRETTON
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Stretton Road, Stretton from its junction with Church Lane in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 850 metres unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes.

The preferred alternative route for traffic will be available via Stretton Road, Lapley Lane, School Lane, A5 Watling Street, Ivetsey Road, High Street, Long Street, Lapley Road, Wenlock Bank and vice versa.

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON 14 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 09:30, AND THE SAID WORKS WILL COMMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED ON THE SAME DAY AT 15:30.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the BT cable renewal and tree cutting works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director of Democracy, Law and Transformation, No. 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP

Ref: S26524; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000 http://roadworks.org

Date: 30 October 2014

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Princefield Haulage Ltd of Princefield House, Stafford Road, Coven Heath, WV10 7PS is applying for a licence to use 16 Water Lane Trading Estate, Watery Lane, Willenhall, West Midlands WV13 3SU as an operating centre for THREE goods vehicles and NIL trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

Licensing Act 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE

An application for a new premises licence has been made by Robert Nicosia, to South Staffordshire Council in respect of premises to be known as Coven Stores & Off Licence, Unit 2 The Parade, Brewood Road, Coven, Staffordshire WV9 5BX.The application is as follows;

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general

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Men seeking women

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TONY 52, dark hair, white male, 6ft, confident, GSOH, seeks black female. Genuine ad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412481**

TALL 42yr old sincere male, caring, honest, loving, seeking female, 30-40 for fun, friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412483**

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Wolves testing Morgan's heart rate

WOLVES chairman Steve Morgan says manager Kenny Jackett is a class act – as he revealed the team are putting him through the wringer this season.

While Morgan said he was enjoying the season so far, he revealed recent nerve-shredding games like the dramatic 3-3 draw at Millwall are no good for his heart. Morgan spoke of the rollercoaster ride that is being Wolves chairman.

"I'm enjoying how the season's going," he said. "But it's not doing any good for my ticker.

"I was with some friends at Millwall and they said, 'oh my God I'd hate to be your heart surgeon', with all my emotions going up and down at these games.

"It's all enjoyable though."

An impressive 2-0 win over Middlesbrough ended a four-game winless streak and put Wolves just three points off top spot in the Championship.

And Morgan heaped praise on head coach Jackett, who has earned endless plaudits for turning Wolves around after relegation to League One under Dean Saunders in May 2013. He gave his full backing to the boss.

"Kenny is a class act," Morgan said.

Gavin sends out warning to Skeete

Boxing

BIRMINGHAM'S Frankie Gavin sent out a message to Bradley Skeete with a two-round clobbering of Mate Hornyak at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, *writes Craig Birch*.

The British and Commonwealth champion needed a lot less than the scheduled eight to dispose of the overwhelmed Hungarian teenager on Friday's fight night.

Gavin warmed up for his title defence - and tilt at Skeete's WBA Inter-Continental crown - at the Excel Arena in London on Saturday November 29 in some style.

'Funtime Frankie' showed there was no hangover from August's first pro defeat to Leonard Bundu, with the European belt on the line, at the Civic with a dominant display.

Hornyak, just 19, looked to have survived the second round until Gavin put him down with a right hook to the body with 23 seconds left, although he was allowed to beat the count. He was in trouble again moments later as Gavin resumed his onslaught, Hornyak crumpling back to the mat with referee Shaun Messer waving him off as he tried to rise again.

A double main event also saw Bloxwich's Luke Paddock claim his first senior paid title, the vacant International Masters light welterweight strap.

The British Masters Bronze champion got the full 10 rounds under his belt for the first time, too, dropping just a share of a round against Lithuanian Simas Volosinas.

A cagey affair saw Paddock stick to his boxing and avoid the big bombs from the European visitor that had knocked out undefeated Brummie Paul Holt last month.

Paddock, on his third opponent for the date after Calum Cooper and Chris Truman were pulled from prospective Midlands title shots, was always on top.

'Cool Hand' stayed calm and didn't tire as Volosinas' plans to spring off another shock slowly eroded, the scores 100-91 with Messer over the distance.

Hometown hero Des Bowater sailed through his first six threes, one of four on the bill, in a super featherweight contest against Jamie Quinn.

'The Wednesfield Warrior' was made to work by 'the Devil Child,' as both came forward bashing away looking to cause damage. 'D Bow' slipped the more punches and made room to work, despite a dip in the fifth round where he lost his one and only session. Referee Gareth Morris had it 59-55.

Tommy Langford, a Devon-born middleweight based in Birmingham, shut out former Southern champion Gary Boulden over six with ease.

The avoided prospect is surely close to his first title shot after win No 11 without reply, against a fighter who took British boss Billy Joe Saunders the distance early in his pro career.

Langford dictated the fight and took little by way of punishment against an out-classed Boulden, as both Brummie combatants impressed .

Redditch's Andrew Robinson was in 'Buglioni training' as he took on heavy-hitter Elvis Dube, but it was the puncher who got stopped in the sixth. 'D Animal' - a product of Lions Boxing Club in Dudley - and Frank Buglioni will slug it out for the vacant WBO European super middleweight title.

Dunstall Park may lose eight meetings

WOLVERHAMPTON Racecourse could lose around eight meetings next year after the British Horseracing Authority announced a cut in all-weather winter fixtures.

But bosses at Dunstall Park insisted it is "business as usual" with the course set to remain the busiest in Britain.

The BHA revealed some all-weather and National Hunt races will be removed from next year's programme in a bid to address issues regarding "uncompetitive small-field races".

And Susannah Gill, director of external affairs of course owners Arena Racing, confirmed Wolverhampton has been allocated 91 meetings for 2015 compared to 99 this year while Worcester Racecourse – also a popular venue for Midlands racegoers – will retain around 20 fixtures.

"The changes in the dynamics of the fixtures as well as the return of Chelmsford City Racecourse in the east of the country means Wolverhampton will have slightly fewer meetings," she said. "But that still makes Wolverhampton the busiest course in the country and realistically there probably will be fixture transfers."

Wolves Women grab first league point

Wolves Women 0 Sporting Club Albion 0

WOLVES grabbed their first point and clean sheet of the season in a hotly contested game against rivals Albion.

Both sides started brightly as the teams looked to gain early control of the derby fixture. Dani Selmes hooked a volley wide after good work from Amber Quick, and Albion were a threat on the break against a high Wolves backline.

Football

Selmes had Wolves' best chance in the first half after being played in by debutant Jen Kikomeko, but Albion keeper Bec Thomas saved well to keep their opponents off the scoresheet.

Natalie Hall produced a great stop to thwart a rare Albion attack before half time, as both sides looked for the opening goal that could turn the match their way.

The second half saw Albion pile on pressure right from the start, but Wolves defended excellently, with Hall having little to do for some time in the Wolves' goal.

Laura McQuilkin then saw her volley fly over as Wolves looked to regain control of the game, before Anna Perks headed wide from a Jen Anslow free-kick.

Dom Luke tried an effort from some range, but her driven shot blazed over the bar.

The game opened up as the players legs began getting tired, but the defending from both sides remained solid.

Layla Salter earning herself a yellow card for a tackle to which the referee took exception.

The game remained goalless, and perhaps a draw was the fair result, but both sides will be happy to have avoided defeat against their rivals, and will be thanking their defences for such solid performances.

It has also put an end to the Wolves losing streak and they will be looking to build upon this score and see if they can take it one better in their next game where they will be away to Preston North End.

Two of the worst beatings they have endure were against Sheffield 1-8 and Stoke to who they lost 7-0.

Wolves Women have not won a league game since August 24 when they lost 6-3 to Derby.

Wolves Manager Trevor Mullings was encouraged with his side's performance: "I'm pleased with the performance today. We pressed well and didn't give Albion chance to settle on the ball.

"We're creating chances but we must start punishing opponents.

"Some great individual performances but overall the team's work ethic was good. We are looking to build on this performance and carry it over to our away fixture at Preston."

Wolves: Hall, Widdal, Salter, Woodcock, Anslow, Perks (Hopkins), Luke, Quick, McQuilkin, Kikomeko (North), Selmes

Unused Subs: Hewitt, Barbaccia, Green.

Prater's boot stops Falcons from rising up

Detroit Lions' Kellen Davis celebrates their last-minute victory at Wembley Stadium

Detroit Lions 22 Atlanta Falcons 21

THE NFL had been in need of a truly competitive game at Wembley and it certainly got one at the weekend.

Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford was certain that his team had lost and defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh could not even bring himself to watch the decisive kick.

But with four seconds left on the clock – and at the second attempt after a penalty call added further drama – Matt Prater's 48-yard field goal gave the Lions a 22-21 comeback win over the Atlanta Falcons, their second improbable win in as many weeks.

Three of the previous four NFL contests in London have been decided by 24 points or more and this one appeared to be another blow-out in the making when the unfancied Falcons stormed into a 21-0 half-time lead only to give it away in the second half.

"It was a crazy way to end the game, but I'm proud of our guys and the way they fought tooth and nail to win," said Stafford, who threw for 325 yards and two touchdowns.

Stafford led a final drive from his own seven-yard line to put the Lions in field-goal range.

Prater stepped up and watched a 43-yard attempt drift wide and spark jubilant celebrations from Atlanta.

But a flag for a delay of game against Detroit, and Prater was given a second chance from five yards further out. Detroit had the top-ranked defence in the NFL.

I know my abilities, says Dicko

NOUHA Dicko insists he has never lost confidence in his goalscoring ability and revealed Wolves' players believe they should be higher in the table.

Dicko scored his third Championship goal of the season in the 2-0 win against Middlesbrough, and finally gained his reward for plenty of effort and commitment in recent games .

"I kept believing I could score, it's a fantastic feeling to score and I'm pleased I got one against Middlesbrough," said Dicko. "I feel confident and feel I've been playing well this season.

"Maybe I'd have liked to have scored more but I think I've done well for the team."

Wolves' return to winning ways put them fourth in the table but Dicko feels they should have more points after their first victory in five attempts.

"We all think we could be higher," he said.

King reigns to inspire Wulfs win

AFC Wulfrunians 2 Solihull Moors 1

AFC Wulfrunians pulled off an upset in the Birmingham Senior Cup with a 2-1 home win over Vanarama Conference North side Solihull Moors.

Jamie King grabbed both goals for Wulfs with Liam Daly pulling one back for Solihull.

King broke the deadlock after 41 minutes, a great ball by Jordan Perks put him in behind the defence and he showed great composure to slot it past Tony Breeden.

He grabbed his second to double the lead just three minutes later. Perks won the ball in the visitors' half and it fell to King, who fired it low and hard past Breeden from the edge of the area.

Solihull pulled one back after 58 minutes when Darryl Knights' crossed for Liam Daly to poke home.

Knight was unfortunate not to level after 73 minutes.

Wellington boot Lockmen

Wellington Amateurs 2 Willenhall 0

WILLENHALL dropped into the West Midlands Premier relegation zone after losing at Wellington Amateurs.

The strangely lethargic Lockmen never hit top gear and had conceded two early chances it was no surprise when they conceded on 35 minutes when they allowed Louis Jones a free header.

Wellington stretched their lead when a 66th-minute break caught the visiting defence out and Gabriel Pavlulik fired home. Lockmen face Blidworth Welfare FA Vase 1st round 3pm kick-off on November 1.

Late try leaves Lions narrowly edged out

Wolverhampton 17 Stourbridge Lions 15

A dramatic and controversial late try condemned the Lions to a narrow defeat at home to Wolverhampton, despite having the edge for much of the game.

However, despite the justified feeling in the dressing room afterwards of having been robbed the Lions had to reflect that they could and should have put the game out of reach well before the end, when they were in charge against a team with 14 players for the whole second half.

Credit to Wolves in that they never gave up and took advantage of the Lions' inability to close the game out when 15-9 ahead.

The Lions started badly and for the first 15-20 minutes were pushed back by a more aggressive Wolves outfit and only desperate defending held the score to a single penalty goal after eight minutes. Stourbridge gradually worked their way back into contention and on the half hour, a try from Josh Trinham wide on the left from a superb miss pass from stand-off Robinson was followed by a fine conversion from Ben Trinham. A penalty in the Lions 22 soon after brought Wolves back to a single point.

The half ended with the Lions on top and deep in the Wolves half, but the game exploded just before half-time. With a Lions back row already in the sin bin there was a late tackle by the Lions No.7 which led to a punch in retaliation by the Wolves No.6.

A Lions player was yellow carded but the Wolves player saw red.

The penalty was reversed and Ben Trinham slotted the three points to give the Lions a four point lead at the end of a half that had lasted more than 50 minutes. The second half started with the Lions fielding 13 men to Wolves 14 for the first three minutes.

Again the Lions were slow off the blocks and allowed Wolves to exert pressure which resulted in a penalty goal to make a one point difference.

The Lions woke up after this and, after huge pressure in all phases and a number of breaks, the Lions got a deserved second try s when Scotty Langdon went over on the left after a series of scrums and rucks. The score was now 15-9 to the Lions going into the final quarter.

Within five minutes Wolves pulled back to three points with a fourth penalty goal. The game continued with the Lions mainly in the Wolves' half until the fatal last couple of minutes. A couple of penalties saw Wolves gain a lineout on the Lions 22. A drive from the Wolves forwards was eventually halted but from the ensuing ruck the ball was spun wide to the left.

The last pass seemed to go forward and to ground but the referee allowed the move to continue as the Lions stopped playing and a Wolves back crashed over in the corner.

Despite protests the referee, who was in line with the final pass, refused to change his decision and blew the final whistle immediately after the conversion was missed. Next week the Lions are away at bottom club TamworthIn the friendly between the respective 2nds Wolves edged it 17-11, with the Lions points from a George Tildesley try and drop goal, plus a penalty from Oliver Shergold.

Wulfs bring Blox down

Old Wulfs 5 Bloxwich 1

BLOXWICH went into their third game of the season confident following their first two convincing wins of the season but were humbled by a clinical Old Wulfs attack who were impressive in front of the Bloxwich goal.

Old Wulfs broke away quickly and took an early lead, much to the surprise of the Bloxwich defence.

After Old Wulfs got another on the break away, Matt Baldwin got one back but this turned out to be merely a consolation goal as Old Wulfs continued to break away quickly and take a commanding lead.

Sako and Dicko set for African call-up

Football

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett insists he is happy for star duo Bakary Sako and Nouha Dicko to go to the African Cup of Nations – despite the deadly Ebola outbreak.

Sako and Dickoare all set to be selected for the tournament in Morocco from January 17 to February 8.

But with the Ebola death toll in West Africa now at nearly 4,500, the hosts have called for the Cup of Nations to be postponed.

Borussia Dortmund coach Jürgen Klopp also added weight to the argument this week, revealing he was 'worried' about the tournament. Head coach Jackett, however, is happy his players won't be exposed to any risk of the disease.

"They could be away for a maximum of a month but it's a great opportunity for them," said Jackett.

"Our doctors and medical department are very aware of that (Ebola).

"There won't be any risk taken on the health of the players, who are happy to travel. I'm sure there will be an assessment by the players first off – whether it's right to go and what the risks are.

"We'll take advice from their own country and countrymen and from the people at the club.

"The fitness and medical staff and the players are quite close.

"I have a lot of confidence in our medical people – they're very good and very thorough and anyone going away is in constant contact with the medical people," added the Wolves's boss.

"Many of them have been here for many years and they're well trusted by the players in terms of their ability to assess illness or injury."

Sako and Dicko have scored 10 of Wolves' 19 goals this season proving to be a formidable combination in the Championship.

But Jackett is confident Wolves will be able to cope without their two star forwards if they're away.

"We have to make sure our squad and team is capable of continuing to be successful," he said. "We are confident we can do it."

Wolves are at home for a derby against Blues this Saturday kickoff 12.15pm.

Ricketts runs out with the Under-21s

Wolves Under 21s 1
Derby Under-21s 3

CLUB captain Sam Ricketts played 90 minutes as Wolves' second string went down 3-1 to the Rams thanks to two Simon Dawkins goals.

Ricketts, who has figured just once for Kenny Jackett's men in the Championship this term after falling out of favour, got some useful match practice as an over-age player for Wolves' Under-21s.

But he could not prevent his side slipping to defeat at the Sir Jack Hayward Training Ground.

Former Aston Villa loanee Dawkins scored either side of half-time to give the visitors a 2-0 advantage.

Alban Bunjaku made it 3-0 late on before Ibrahim Keita pulled one back for Wolves.

In an opening 45 minutes of few chances, Mekhi Leacock-McLeod hit an angled effort across the face of goal and narrowly wide for Wolves before home goalkeeper Jon Flatt made a double save to deny Derby duo Paul Coutts and Ivan Calero.

The visitors took the lead in the 25th minute as Dawkins exchanged passes with Calero before beating Flatt from inside the area.

Woodfield tough it out to stay in contention

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Woodfield and Wood Green of Wednesbury's table tennis clubs had mixed fortunes in the opening two rounds of the Junior British League at RAF Cosford.

More than 70 teams from Great Britain, Ireland and the Channel Islands arrived in the West Midlands for one of the most prestigious events in the junior table tennis calendar.

All the matches took place under one roof at Cosford's giant School of Physical Training.

Newly-promoted Woodfield found the going tough in the Boys Division 3B but they remain in contention, just two points behind leaders Halton TTC of Widnes.

The biggest disappointment for Woodfield was probably the opening draw against Byng Hall in what turned out to be the longest and most keenly-contested match of the first round.

George Carroll had match point against a player ranked nearly 60 places above him to win the tie for Woodfield in the final game. However, the 15-year-old from Kidderminster could not convert the victory and the match finished 3-3.

After a win, a draw and a loss the following day began badly for Woodfield with a defeat against Burton & Uxbridge. However, the team, aided by newcomer Richard Pelc, recovered strongly to finish with an emphatic 5-1 victory over Deutsche Bank Guernsey.

Joey Chen, the promising cadet from Telford, had the best record of Woodfield's players, winning six of his eight matches. George Bradley, who lives near Bridgnorth, chipped in with some useful victories too.

Table tennis

Club coach Chris Tarr said: "This is a tight division and the team will fancy their chances of improving their position over the next two rounds."

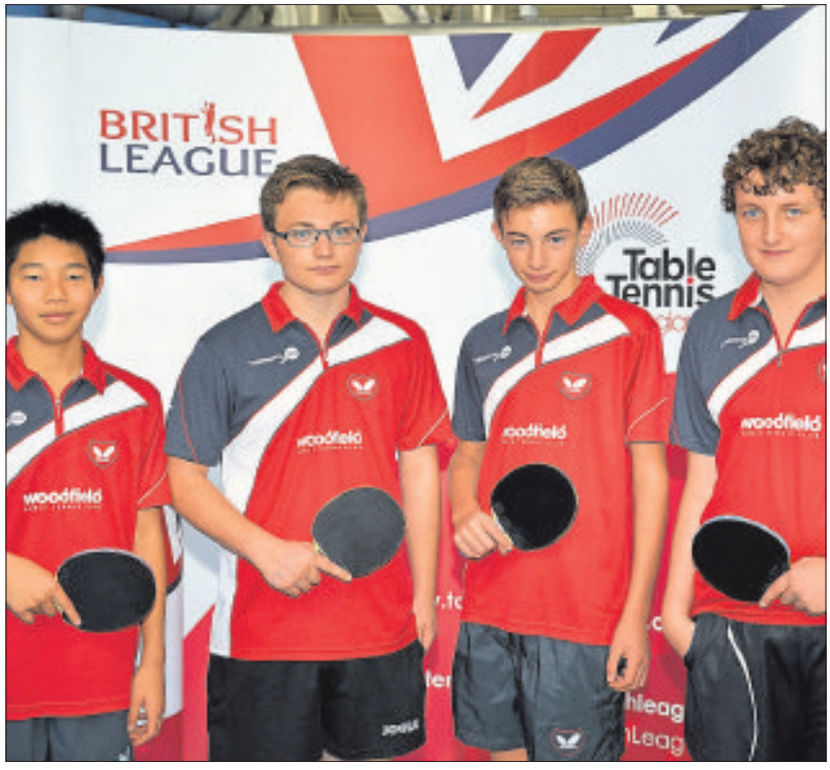
Meanwhile, Wood Green fielded teams in the Premier and Division 2A.

Their first team, led by England number five Marcus Giles, were safely in mid-table following the first two rounds.

It's a different story for the second team, however, who were hampered by the absence of their best player, Shropshire's Jonny Higgins, on the first day.

Stafford's Jake Westwood was promoted to No.1 but struggled to make an impact, as did the rest of the team, though Archie Taylor and Pruthvi Padhiar recorded their first wins at this level.

In the girls' section, Kinver's Charlotte Bardsley, England's number one ranked under-13 player, showed few signs of nerves to record four victories out of six playing for Burton & Uxbridge in Division Two.



The Woodfield, W-ton, team, from left, Joey Chen, George Bradley, George Carroll and Richard Pelc

Chase get back to form with win

CHASETOWN A were back on form in the Wolverhampton City Netball league scraping a win over Whitmore Y in Division 1.

A challenging match between Libra Lea White and Sapphetssaw Libra take the game 18-16.

Phoenix crushed Ice in the non-winners competition and then secured all five points in their league match against Eurostars winning 36-12. Joining Phoenix in the semi-finals will be Crescent, Sam 4 and Whitmore Y.

Non-winners Comp: Ice 6 Phoenix 40; Crescent 25 Lucas 18; Sam 4 27 Jupiter 15; Sam 2 17 Whitmore Y 22.

Division 1: Whitmore X 23 (5) Fusion 11 (0); Chasetown A 25 (5) Whitmore Y 23 (2); Sam 2 24 (5) Sam 3 17 (1); Libra Lea White 18 (5) Sapphets 16 (2).

Division 2: Crescent 24 (5) Dolls 17 (1); Phoenix 36 (5) Eurostars 12 (0); Ladybirds 30 (5) Whitmore T 23; Phoenix Hornets 15 (5) Lucas 14 (2).

Division 3: Whitmore A 12 (2) Jupiter 14 (5); Whitmore Z 16 (1) Sam 4 29 (5); Cresta 13 (1) Wordsley Storks 24 (5).

Division 4: Whitmore J 25 (5) Chasetown B 16 (1); Flames 26 (5) Amec Ladies 17 (1); Dolls 2 26 (5) Blaze 22 (2).

We have more says, Edwards

DAVE Edwards claims there is still another 20 per cent to come from Wolves.

Wolves returned to winning ways with Tuesday's 2-0 victory over fancied Middlesbrough and then continued with a win over Leeds.

"We're at maybe 75 to 80 per cent of what we can potentially produce so, with that extra 20 per cent to come, we can do good things," said Edwards, a veteran of the 2008-09 Championship-winning team.

"I don't think we've completely clicked yet and that's something to take confidence from. We've had a disappointing couple of weeks with not picking up many of the right results but we haven't lost many games either."

Casuals get edge on Wolves SC

Wolverhampton SC 2
Wolverhampton Casuals 3

WOLVERHAMPTON Casuals edged out lowly Wolverhampton Sporting Community 3-2 to secure three West Midlands Premier points.

The hosts started off the better with James Quarry creating problems with his dangerous right wing cross.

Casuals went in front with Giles Harvey back heading a Jake Corns corner to Daniel Westwood to net from close range.

The visitors went further ahead in the second half as Scott Embrey fastened on to a Stevie Dougliss pass to find Westwood to finish with a Low shot.

Community fought back with penalties by Ryan Jones and Arnold Chaponda.

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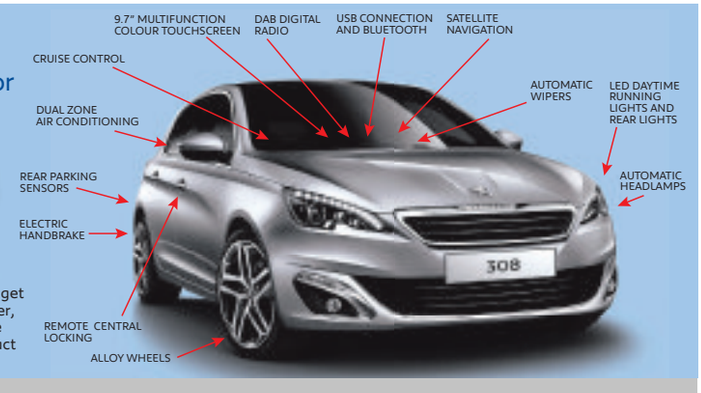

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Brace by Campbell aids the victory

Sporting Khalsa 5
Wellington 1

SPORTING Khalsa kept pace with league frontrunners Bridgnorth with a routine 5-1 win over Wellington.

Goals from Lee Wherton, Brad Lawley, Marvin Nisbett and a Nicky Campbell brace were enough to see off the visitors from Herefordshire, ensuring a fifth straight win for Khalsa.

The opening goal came on 20 minutes when a long-range effort by captain Wherton took a cruel deflection past Wellington's Chris Mancui .

Campbell doubled the lead soon afterwards, excellent work down the left by Nisbett saw his cross converted in style.

Bannister surged forward on 35 minutes, breaking the offside trap and lashing a shot which needed the intervention of Ben Thomas to stop it hitting the net.

With seconds left in the first half, Campbell was denied by a good save from Mancui. Khalsa's third arrived on 58 minutes when a Tim Jackson corner was steered goalwards by Jamie Oliver and Nisbett poked home. Campbell grabbed his second on 75 minutes.

Wellington grabbed one back through Aaron Morgan before Brad Lawley scored in stoppage time.

We're hungry, says Henry

JAMES HENRY insists Wolves can win the Championship title after helping to fire them to joint top.

Saturday's 2-1 win at Leeds made it back-to-back victories for Kenny Jackett's side and lifted them to third in the Championship but level on points with leaders Derby and Watford after 13 games.

Henry cancelled out Mirco Antenucci's opener as the visitors came from behind to win thanks to substitute Leon Clarke's first Wolves goal in the Championship since November 2006.

And former Millwall winger Henry, who was man of the match, believes the League One champions can rise to the summit again.

"Everyone from the coaching staff, the medical staff to the players – we've all got the belief that we're good enough to challenge for the title," said Henry.

Clarke could play major role, says Jackett

Football

LEON CLARKE has been told he can still become a major player for Wolves after firing them to victory at Leeds.

Clarke's 85th-minute goal at Elland Road made it back-to-back wins for Kenny Jackett's side after he helped transform the game as a half-time substitute for Dave Edwards.

Wolves' 2-1 victory lifted them to joint top in the Championship but below leaders Derby and Watford on goal difference.

Wolverhampton-born Clarke scored only his second goal in 21 appearances since his return to his home-town club for £750,000 from Coventry in January.

The striker has struggled for games because of head coach Jackett's preference for Nouha Dicko in the lone striker role.

But Jackett believes the much-travelled 29-year-old, who is out of contract at the end of the season, can still play a big part in the club's future.

"Leon can do very well for this season and he still has a very good future," said the boss. "He did very well on Saturday and gave us another dimension. Leon has the quality, the football brain and the experience and that's what we need at times in this role.

"He showed a lot of quality in terms of balls into him and retaining possession so we could get up the pitch.

"He's worked hard and he's had limited amount of chances because of what's been a settled side, injury and probably the form of Dave Edwards. His link play was very good, he retained the ball very well and he got us up the pitch, and in terms of getting the winner, that will really help him. I also felt perseverance, fitness, and determination to keep passing the ball were important. This will help Leon.

"He changed the game with a bit of presence – his ball retention helped, and he brought wingers into play."

Bakary Sako should be fit for the Saturday lunchtime televised derby visit of Birmingham after missing the game with a groin injury.

And Jackett believes Wolves proved they can cope without their seven-goal top scorer. We're hoping he'll be better and that he'll be back for Saturday," said Jackett.

HITMAN LEON HAS AN ELL OF A GAME

Leeds 1 Wolves 2

IT might have been a long time in the making, but maybe this could be the rebirth of Leon Clarke.

Saturday's match winner was only his second goal in 21 games since his £750,000 return to Molineux from Coventry in January, 16 substitute's appearances making that record decidedly patchier.

The ease of his classic poacher's effort – a tap-in from all of three yards – was contrasted by his huge work rate from which he deserved his reward for a tireless performance after coming off the bench at half-time.

It was almost as if he was on a mission to answer or repay all those fans who have been singing 'If Leon scores, we're on the pitch' in the last two games.

Irrepressible

Along with irrepressible man of the match James Henry, the sole survivor of Wolves' last win at Elland Road in September 2006 seemed to drag his teammates up the pitch in the second half.

Wolves' second win in five days put them third but joint top of the table on points behind Derby and Watford, who both failed to win.

It was also the 11th game out of 14 for Jackett's side so far this season which has been settled by a goal or less.

The thin dividing lines which decide outcomes might be proving small, but the optimism Wolves are slowly generating again is considerable.

Football

And to have made it back-to-back victories for the first time since the end of August without Bakary Sako proved they're not a one-man team.

Sako's direct replacement, Michael Jacobs, showed the ring rustiness expected of someone only making their second Championship start of the season.

But it was the former Derby man who had two of the three worthy efforts Wolves forced in a lacklustre opening period not dissimilar to the first half against Middlesbrough.

First he fired a dipping effort straight at keeper Marco Silvestri then he curled over a 30-yard free-kick.

Both Jacobs and James Henry struggled to support the isolated Nouha Dicko as Leeds looked the better side in the first 45 minutes.

Henry had Wolves' other effort with a shot held at the second attempt by Silvestri.

But Leeds led through Mirco Antenucci's low 20-yarder in the 19th minute that crept in off the post. Wolves set about dominating Leeds almost from the restart.

Leon Clarke celebrates his goal as Wolves came back from one goal down to beat Leeds United

Sako in race to get fit

TOP scorer Bakary Sako is facing a race against time to make Wolves' derby showdown with Blues on Saturday.

The seven-goal forward missed Saturday's 2-1 win at Leeds with the groin strain that forced him off late on in the 2-0 victory over Middlesbrough last Tuesday. Sako is hopeful of being available for the televised visit of Birmingham, who appointed Gary Rowett as their new manager yesterday to replace the sacked Lee Clark.

But boss Kenny Jackett said: "We'll wait and see how he develops later in the week. It may be Thursday or Friday before we find out whether he's available for Saturday.

"I thought he'd be fit (for Leeds) but he didn't quite make it. It's a groin injury, it's not too much but sometimes they can take a week or two.

"I'll give him until Thursday and maybe until Friday."

Michael Jacobs replaced Sako at the weekend .

Jackett acknowledged his contribution and admitted the former Derby man needs more games.

Saddlers land Shrews clash

TOM BRADSHAW will get the chance to shoot down his former club after Walsall were again paired against Shrewsbury in the FA Cup.

For the second year running, the Saddlers will host the Shropshire side in the first round. Dean Smith's men will be hoping to secure a similar result after running out 3-0 winners.

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